

Training on Integrated Farming System organized at Utambar village

Off-campus training on “Integrated Farming System” was organized at Utambar village (Balesar block, Jodhpur district) on 01 July 2022 under the Scheduled Caste Sub Programme in which 61 farmers and farm women participated. Visits were made to the farms of Sh. Dhannaram, Sh. Mahendra Singh and Sh. Idanaram who have adopted IFS on their farms since 2012 with the scientific guidance from CAZRI. These farmers have integrated ber and goonda plants, vegetables and fodder crops over the last eleven years in addition to adopting improved cultivars in traditional arable crops. Visits were followed by the scientist-farmer interaction. The costs and returns from different components of IFS such as crops, livestock, horticulture, agro-forestry and fodder crops over the years (normal rainfall and drought years) were discussed. Dr. B. L. Manjunatha informed farmers about the sale of quality seeds and planting materials by CAZRI ATIC.

After the training, 61 farmers were distributed with quality seeds of pearl millet (var. MPMH-21), greengram (MH-421 and IPM-205-7) and mothbean (RMO-2251) for laying out kharif field demonstrations under IFS models. Farm implements such as improved sickles and hand weeders were also distributed. Farmers were informed to keep the records of the crop cultivation details so that they can compare the performance of demonstrations against their traditional practices.

