

## **Farmers' exposure visit cum on-campus training and input distribution programme under SCSP scheme at CAZRI, RRS, Kukma-Bhuj, Gujarat**

One day exposure visit cum on-campus training programme and input distribution for farmers was organized on 23.09.2022 by ICAR-CAZRI, RRS, Kukma, Bhuj under SCSP scheme. Fifty farmers from about fifteen villages covering Bhuj, Anjar and Nakhatrana talukas participated and benefited in this programme. Er. Abhishek Patel, Scientist & Chairman (SCSP) welcomed the farmers and briefed about the programme and also the ongoing activities under SCSP scheme. Dr. Sheetal K. Radhakrishnan delivered a lecture on the importance of waste management, vermicomposting process, and also vermiculture process, through which farmers can attain the dual purposes of waste minimization and reducing cost on fertilizer purchase and also earn income. This was followed by visit to the vermicompost unit, where farmers had a hands-on experience of how to do vermicomposting. The short training session was followed by a discussion and interaction session; where farmers interacted with the scientists and also shared their experiences and need for production of organic manures.

Along with this training programme, exposure visits were organized to different research and demonstration units at CAZRI, RRS farm such as experimental trial of groundnut; nursery, demonstration block of halophytic and other grasses suitable for the region, and cactus block. Dr. Renjith P.S. explained about the trials on groundnut for assessment of salinity tolerance. Farmers were very happy by seeing different varieties of fodder grasses; especially those suitable for saline soils.

The day ended with the distribution of vermibeds and vermicompost to the participants under the SCSP scheme. This programme was coordinated by Er. Abhishek Patel, Dr. Sheetal K. Radhakrishnan and Dr. Renjith P.S.



