## **Enhancing Skills of Farmers in Horticultural Nursery Management**

Three days training programme on "Nursery Management" was organised at CAZRI as a scheduled activity of DST project on Participatory Nursery Establishment from March 8-10, 2016. Total 51 farmers from village Bujawar, Bhandu, Doli, Dantiwada (Jodhpur) and Aati (Barmer) participated in the training programme.

In the inaugural programme Dr O. P. Yadav Director, CAZRI in his address stated that trees play important role in rural economy of arid region and farmers can take up raising tree nursery along with other field activities for generating extra income. Dr Praveen Kumar in his remarks told that in three days programme farmers will be trained for raising a quality planting material of forestry, fruits and vegetables.



Dr J. C. Tewari in his welcome address told that training programme is being organised to make



farmers aware about raising participatory nursery which leads to production of healthy seedlings through the efforts of communities. Farmers were trained regarding budding and grafting techniques in trees, compost making and water, pest and nutrient management. Improved techniques for production of vegetable seedlings and tissue culture technique to raise seedlings were also covered. A field visit to Newra road nursery was conducted on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 where progressive farmer Mr. Goverdhan Ram is raising nursery along with other field activities and

earning good income during lean season. Dr Archana Verma and Dr Hari Dayal coordinated the training programme.