## Model training course on "Newer options in arid horticulture for doubling farm income" organized at CAZRI

An eight days model training course on "Newer options in arid horticulture for doubling farm income" sponsored by Directorate of Extension, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & farmers Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi organized at CAZRI Jodhpur from 14-21 November, 2017.



Eighteen officers from State department of Agriculture, ICAR and KVKs from Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat and Rajasthan participated in the training programme. The training was inaugurated by Dr. O.P. Pareek, former Director, CIAH Bikaner. During his inaugural address he emphasized the importance of local but economical species like ber, khejri, kair, goonda besides commercial cash crop like pomegranate, datepalm and vegetables for doubling farmer's income in dry regions. Dr. O.P. Yadav during his inaugural address underline the importance of integrated production, organized marketing and policy reforms for doubling farmer's income.

Course directors Dr. Akath Singh, Dr. Pradeep Kumar, Dr. S.P.S. Tanwar and Dr. P.S. Khapte conducted the training programme.



Prof. (Dr.) P.L. Saroj, Director, CIAH Bikaner, chief guest in valedictory function, shared his views about efficient production system, post harvest management, marketing and export strategies of arid horticultural crops with reference to doubling farm income.

