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Potato in Non-traditional Areas of Rajasthan



Sh. Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation and Parliamentary Affairs, GOI, distributing potato seeds to farmers on 17.12.2017 at ICAR-CIAH, Bikaner.

From the Director's Desk.....



It is a matter of great pleasure to bring out the Institute's Newsletter and to present significant research achievements, activities and farmers' programmes undertaken by the Institute during July - December, 2017. To achieve the nutritional and income security and agro-ecological balance in hot arid and semi-arid regions of the country, the horticultural development in these areas has vital importance. To meet the needs of ever-increasing population and demand of raw materials for the horticulture-based industries are the major challenges. To mitigate these challenges, it is the need of the hour to develop novel technologies to produce the quality fruits and vegetables under the harsh climatic conditions of the hot arid and semi-arid regions. To achieve above goal, the ICAR-Central Institute for Arid Horticulture, Bikaner (Rajasthan) is fully dedicated since its inception. The Institute is working hard to develop needful horticultural crop production technologies for low water input, high stress and drought conditions. The introduction of potential crops/ varieties from iso-climatic regions, promising package of practices for commercial production and value addition of horticultural crops as well as production of quality seeds and planting material for farmers, etc. were some of the efforts of the Institute which are narrated in this newsletter in brief.

ICAR-CIAH Exhibition: Reaching to Farmers



Sh. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, GOI, visited ICAR-CIAH stall during National Fair at ICAR-CSWRI, Avikanagar on 08.12.2017. Prof. P. L. Saroj, Director, ICAR-CIAH, Bikaner is explaining about farmers' friendly technologies.

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Director**

