

## ICAR-Central Institute for Arid Horticulture

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### Organized Kisan Mela and different training programmes for advancement and technological intervention on horticulture crops, establishment nutri-garden and village seed bank at TSP areas of Rajasthan under TSP scheme, GoI

Kisan Mela was organized by ICAR-CIAH, Bikaner at two different Gram Panchayat Naya Kheda and Jawar of Udaipur district during 07.06.2023 and 08.06.2023 respectively. Organized Kisan Mela were conveyed and coordinated by Dr. Mukesh KumarJatav, Principal Scientist (Soil Science), Dr. Balu Ram Choudhary, Principal Scientist (Horticulture), Dr. Anita Meena, Scientist (Soil Science) and Mahendra Kumar Choudhary Scientist (Plant Breeding and Genetics) under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Jagadish Rane, Director, ICAR-CIAH, Bikaner. About 1100 scheduled tribe farmers were gathered from different 15 adjoining villages of Gram panchayat Naya Kheda and Jawar. On this occasion different lectures were given by TSP committee members on suitable varieties of fruit and vegetable crops, advanced technology for horticulture crops, INM in different horticultural crops, importance of fruits and vegetables in human nutrition, role of organic farming, propagation techniques in different fruits and vegetables for entrepreneurship. More emphasis was given on village seed bank, nursery and nutri-garden establishment techniques to farmers for getting higher income through poly house, off-season cultivation, intelligent marketing, grading and packaging of produce. These villages and surrounding areas are highly suitable for vegetable cultivation and fruit orchard establishment and also near to Udaipur city to get higher market price of their produce. Participated farmers were benefited with knowledge sharing and advanced technology of vegetable and fruit cultivation. There is a possibility of doubling income of farmers by adopting off-season vegetables cultivation and also adoption of improved varieties of fruit crops. About 1400 vegetable kitchen garden kits of kharif and rabi season were distributed among scheduled tribe farmers. During these programmes, state agriculture functionaries, public representatives and NGO's representatives were also present and expressed his gratitude to ICAR – CIAH, Bikaner for their efforts made to conduct these programmes. Also conducted training cum distribution of vegetable seed packets at different villages namely Phatadara, Manpur, Kadwaamri, Amarthun, Tulsiyo ka Namla to scheduled tribe farmers to establish nutri-garden with the objective to fulfill the nutritional requirement and to reduce the dependency on market of the tribal farmers.



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