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Kisan Diwas organized at Tejrasar (Bikaner)

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ICAR-Central Institute for Arid Horticulture (CIAH), Bikaner, organized Kisan Diwas (Farmers’ Day) celebration on December 23, 2024, at Tejrasar village in Bikaner district. The event witnessed the participation of approximately 70 progressive farmers, along with officials and officers from various fields. The programme was chaired by Dr. Dhurendra Singh, Principal Scientist and I/c/Head, Div. of Crop Production, under the theme “*Empowering Annadatas for a Prosperous Nation.*”

The event commenced with a welcome address by Dr. S.R. Meena, Principal Scientist (Agri. Extn), who greeted the farmers and provided an overview of the programme. He also discussed various aspects of arid horticultural fruits and vegetable crops. During the inaugural session, Dr. Dhurendra Singh emphasized the significance of commemorating Kisan Diwas annually. He elaborated on advanced arid horticultural technologies, including improved technologies of arid vegetables, seed production techniques, protected cultivation, nursery management, post-harvest handling of arid horticultural fruits and vegetables, and soil health and nutrient management, etc.

Moreover, Dr. M.K. Jatav, Pri. Scientist (Soil Sci.), underscored the importance of soil health and nutrient management. He provided a comprehensive overview of the role of major and micronutrients in sustaining soil health and elaborated on effective water and nutrient management strategies for enhancing the production of arid fruits and vegetables. Similarly, Dr. K.L. Kumawat, Scientist highlighted the significance of nursery management and the use of quality planting materials for the production of healthy saplings of arid fruits and vegetables. Mr. Roop Chand Balai, Scientist, encouraged farmers to undergo training and demonstrations on improved arid horticultural production technologies to ensure sustainable production for socio-economic upliftment. Additionally, Dr. Manpreet Kaur, Scientist shared insights on the concept of nutri-gardens, post-harvest management and value-addition of arid fruits and vegetables, emphasizing their potential to empower women farmers and enhance their socio-economic status. Afterwords, Sarpanch of Tejrasar village, Mr. Jagdish Jakher, expressed their gratitude to the entire team of ICAR-CIAH team for organizing Kisan Diwas in their village. He underscored the importance of organizing such events in the village for smooth arid horticultural technologies dissemination at farmers fields.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. S.R. Meena on behalf of the team of scientists. He also expressed gratitude to all participants for their active engagement and meaningful interactions during the event.

