



4 New Facilities at Central Arid Zone Research Institute (KAJRI), Jodhpur

Why In News?

On August 28, 2022, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar simultaneously inaugurated 4 new facilities at the Central Arid Region Research Institute (KAJRI), which has been providing excellent services for more than 60 years under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

Key Points

- Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated a new auditorium, agri-business nurturing centre, eco-friendly waste water treatment plant and indoor sports hall at Kajri.
- He said that due to the research work done by Kajri, the income of farmers is increasing due to dune stabilization, sprinkler and drip irrigation system and due to reduced cost in agriculture due to new varieties of crops, grasses and fruits. Kajri's works like solar energy, reduction in cost of cultivation, livestock management will also be beneficial for the farmers of arid region.
- Due to the new technologies and research achievements being developed by Kajri from time to time, Kajri has received 8 awards out of 10 National Awards of Indian Council of Agricultural Research in the last six years.
- It is worth mentioning that the Desert Afforestation Center was established in Jodhpur in 1952 to reduce the process of rapid degradation and productivity reduction of land and to scientific and sustainable management of resources, which was later expanded into a Desert Afforestation and Soil Conservation Center in 1957. Finally, under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi, it was given the status of a full-fledged institute in 1959 as the Central Arid Zone Research Institute (KAJRI).
- There are 6 divisions in the headquarters located at Kajri Jodhpur. Its four regional research centers are located for on-site problem-based research in different agro-climatic conditions.

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