

## 13th International Conference on Development of Drylands



The 13th International Conference on Development of Drylands: “Converting Dryland Areas from Grey into Green” at Jodhpur from February 11-14, 2019. The Conference was jointly organized by the Arid Zone Research Association of India (AZRAI) and the International Dryland Development Commission (IDDC) on the occasion of Diamond Jubilee year of the Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI), Jodhpur and co-organized by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi; Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS), New Delhi and National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS), New Delhi.



The conference was attended by 379 participants, researchers and policy makers

including 91 foreign delegates from 37 countries covering five continents. In this conference, 5 plenary sessions having 17 lectures from global experts were organized, in addition to two evening lectures from highly reputed international experts. A total 55 theme-wise oral lectures and 242 e-posters presentations were organized concurrently in 11 technical sessions. Likewise, five half-day satellite symposia (as concurrent sessions) were also organized on topics of contemporary importance in drylands. The Conference was inaugurated by Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Govt of India) on February 11, 2019.



Besides the Chair of International Dryland Development Commission, the conference had active participation, guidance and support of Director Generals of International Center for Agricultural Research in Dryland Areas, Lebanon; International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics, India; International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center, Mexico and International Water Management Institute, Sri Lanka. Many National and International Organizations, like World Agroforestry (International Center of Research on Agroforestry); Bioversity International, CGIAR – Grain Legumes and Dryland Cereals Program; Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI), Bangkok; Australian Center for International Agricultural Research ACIAR), Australia; Kirkhouse Trust UK, Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (ISPGR) and, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) etc. also provided financial support to the Conference.



# Glimpses of the Conference

