Dr T. Mohapatra, Secretary DARE & DG, ICAR New Delhi accompanied by Dr Samra, Former, DDG (NRM) & Chairman RAC of ICAR-CAZRI, Jodhpur, Dr Bhaskar Reddy, ADG (NRM), ICAR New Delhi and Dr O.P. Yadav, Director ICAR-CAZRI, Jodhpur visited ICAR-ATARI, Jodhpur on 13th August, 2017. The dignitaries interacted with Dr SK Singh, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Jodhpur and Scientific, Administrative, Technical and Supporting staff of ATARI, Jodhpur.

An exhibition was arranged by KVK Badgoan (Udaipur) in ATARI office where various technological inputs, poultry birds suitable for backyard poultry, milk by-products, horticultural plants prepared in nursery and different types of clothing prepared by the trainees were displayed. Dr SK Singh, Director, ATARI, Jodhpur briefed about the reshuffling of the Zones of ATARIs from 8 Zones to 11 Zones and he further informed that presently the ICAR-ATARI has three states (Rajasthan, Haryana and Delhi) with 61 KVKs.

Dr. Mohapatra urged that, the KVKs should take initiatives for meeting the requirements of their districts in respect of livestock, planting materials, seeds, bio-products, etc. He also opined that the success stories of innovative farmers should be documented and farmers should visit the farms of innovative farmers so that the same can be replicated in the district as well in other adjacent districts. He emphasized upon commodity-wise mapping of the district by each KVK for significant contribution for the benefit of farming community in respect of seeds of crops, vegetables, fodders and planting materials of vegetables, fruits, forestry plants, livestock (cattle, sheep, goat, etc.) and poultry.

(Source: ICAR-ATARI, Jodhpur)