

## Organisation and Function

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1.1.1	Name and address of the Organization	ICAR-Central Institute for Arid Horticulture Sri Ganganagar Highway, Beechwal, Bikaner-334 006, Rajasthan
1.1.2	Head of the organization	Director
1.1.3	Vision, Mission and Key objectives	<p><b>Vision</b> Vision To achieve nutrition and income security for the people of arid and semi-arid regions, suitable horticultural production technologies, multi-location collaborative research</p> <p><b>Mission</b> To undertake basic and strategic studies for developing technologies to enhance productivity and utilization of arid horticultural crops, multistorey horticulture based sustainable cropping system under arid environment, coordinate network research with State Agricultural Universities and line departments, to provide consultancy in research and development of arid horticulture.</p>
1.1.4	Function and duties	<p><b>Mandate</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Basic, strategic and applied research to enhance sustainable productivity, quality and utilization of horticultural crops of arid and semi arid regions.</li> <li>2. Repository of genetic resources and scientific information on horticultural crops of arid and semi arid region.</li> <li>3. Transfer of technology, capacity building and impact assessment of technologies.</li> <li>4. Coordinate research and validation of technologies on fruit crops of arid and semi-arid regions.</li> </ol>
1.1.5	Organization Chart	<a href="https://ciah.icar.gov.in/OrganisationSetup.php/">https://ciah.icar.gov.in/OrganisationSetup.php/</a>
1.1.6	Any other details-the genesis, inception, formation of the department and the HoDs from time to time as well as the committees/ Commissions constituted from time to time have been dealt	The Central Institute for Arid Horticulture (CIAH) was established by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research in 1993 at Bikaner. The work programme of this project was thus confined to multilocation testing of technologies of some selected fruits being generated by rather inadequate manpower and infrastructure inputs either in ICAR Institutes or in State Agricultural Universities.. After visualizing the progress made by NRCAH in short span of time and future needs of the arid region, on 27th

		<p>September, 2000, the NRCAH was elevated to full fledged Institute as Central Institute for Arid Horticulture, Bikaner (CIAH) and Central Horticultural Experiment Station (CHES), Godhra, Gujarat (Earlier under IIHR, Bangalore) was merged as its Regional Centre on October 1st, 2000. Two division i.e. Division of Crop Production and Division of Crop Improvement has been created during month of August 2013. Keeping this in mind, the Institute has developed its vision, mission and mandate.</p>
		<p><b>Programmes and Activities</b></p> <p><b>1. Training</b></p> <p>The Institute given training to farmers and stockholders on improved arid and semi-arid technologies.</p> <p><b>2. Research</b></p> <p>The management problems encountered by the ICAR Institutes and the State Agricultural Universities primarily form the basis for undertaking research. Policy issues requiring attention of planners and administrators for the effective implementation of various agricultural programmes are considered in formulating the research projects. Besides the core-funded research, the CIAH undertakes inter-institutional projects, collaborative projects, and externally funded research projects. The quality resource materials and the databases developed through research studies provide necessary backup for training, in addition to providing essential guidelines for long-term policy perspective for the NARS.</p> <p><b>3. Facilitating dialogues towards policy support</b></p> <p>Workshops, seminars and conferences are mechanisms for bringing together senior-level functionaries and policy makers to a common platform for the sharing of ideas and experiences, and for detailed analysis in many areas of topical interest relating to research and education management. The recommendations emerging out of these deliberations provide policy guidelines for the NARS.</p> <p><b>4. Consultancy</b></p> <p>Over the years, the Institute has provided consultancy services to farmers/researchers/students. The consultancy programmes follow Council's guidelines.. Infrastructure and Logistics</p> <p>The Institute is situated at Sriganganagar Highway, Beechwal, Bikaner, about 15 km away from the city of Bikaner. The Institute is established in a green serene, sylvan and</p>

		<p>sprawling campus of about 125 hectares. It is surrounded by other reputed University, research station and state departments, . The following facilities are built over the years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administrative cum laboratory building, Biotechnology, Library cum Video Conferencing, AIRS, Auditorium, Guest house, residential quarters, farmer training hostel etc.</li> </ul>
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