

**VISIT OF HON'BLE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, GOVT. OF RAJASTHAN TO NIAM,
JAIPUR**



The Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Govt. of Rajasthan Shri Harji Ram Burdak visited NIAM on 02-12-2011. Dr. R.P. Meena, IAS, Director General, NIAM welcomed the Hon'ble Minister to the Campus.

Dr. Kamal Mathur, Director (Trg. & PGDABM) made detailed presentation before the Hon'ble Minister about the activities of NIAM. The presentation also brought out various activities undertaken by NIAM with focus on the State of Rajasthan. It was communicated to the Hon'ble Minister that Consultancy Projects and Training and Awareness Programmes on crops specific to the State of Rajasthan are being undertaken by NIAM at various locations in the State.



The Director General conveyed the gratefulness on part of the State of Rajasthan to have allotted land free of cost for functioning of the Institute. He expressed total support from NIAM resources for the Govt. of Rajasthan in any area such as training, consultancy and policy support that may be required from NIAM. The Director General further stated that some of the areas where NIAM is focusing are Post-Harvest Management of various crops, Organic Farming potentialities in the State of Rajasthan, exploring possibilities of effective marketing and exports of seed-spices from Rajasthan and Training of staff of State Warehousing Corporation under Rural Godown Scheme.

The Hon'ble Minister appreciated the efforts made by NIAM for improving Agricultural Marketing activities in the country as well as focusing on issues specific to the State of Rajasthan.

The Hon'ble Minister desired that it would be appreciated if NIAM makes efforts to solicit investment in marketing and processing of fruits and vegetables for the State of Rajasthan. The

Hon'ble Minister pointed that huge potential existed in this area and it would be in fitness of things if a Study to map this potentiality was undertaken. He also appreciated that NIAM was also contemplating a Research Study on exploring possibilities of effective marketing and exports of seed-spices from Rajasthan. The Hon'ble Minister also inspected the Campus and wished NIAM all the support from the State Government in its endeavour.