

Foundation Stone Laying of Livestock Research Centre Building at SRS of ICAR- NDRI, Bengaluru, 96th Foundation Day of ICAR-NDRI and National Seminar on “Promotion of Dairy Entrepreneurship and Skill Development for Doubling Farmers Income” on 1st July 2018

On 1st July, 2018, commemorating the Foundation Day of ICAR-NDRI, the Foundation Stone was laid for Livestock Research Centre (LRC) building by Dr. T. Mohapatra, Secretary DARE and Director General, ICAR, New Delhi. Dr A.K. Srivastava, Chairman, ASRB, Dr J.K. Jena, DDG (FS&AS), ICAR, Dr Ashok Kumar, ADG(AH), ICAR, Dr R.R.B. Singh, Director, NDRI, Dr K.P. Ramesha, Head, NDRI and other dignitaries joined on the occasion. As a part of Green NDRI initiative, the dignitaries planted the tree saplings at the premises of LRC.

On the occasion of completing 95 years of committed service by ICAR-NDRI, in the field of dairying, Alumni Association of ICAR–NDRI (SRS) organized a National Seminar on “Promotion of Dairy Entrepreneurship and Skill Development for Doubling Farmers’ Income” coinciding with the 96th Foundation Day of the Institute. Dr T. Mohapatra, Secretary DARE & Director General of ICAR, was the Chief Guest. Dr Mohapatra complimenting the accomplishments of NDRI for the cause of dairy development in India, stated that soon NDRI will be celebrating its Centenary and a building at SRS of NDRI should be planned in commemoration of the same. Dr Mohapatra stressed the riding importance of developing need-based technologies and appropriate communication systems understandable by the clientele system. Director General, ICAR also reiterated that NDRI must focus on research pertaining to the indigenous breeds and dairy products. Dr A.K. Srivastava, Chairman, ASRB, New Delhi while delivering the Foundation Day Lecture delineated the status, prospects and challenges of dairy sector in India. The other dignitaries at the inaugural function were, Dr J.K. Jena, DDG (FS&AS), Dr Ashok Kumar, ADG (AH), Dr Mrutyunjaya, Former Director NAIP, and Dr R.R.B. Singh, Director of ICAR-NDRI (Deemed University), Karnal. Dr K.P. Ramesha, President, Alumni Association & Head, SRS of NDRI welcomed the dignitaries and participants, while, Dr P.K.Dixit, Vice-President, Alumni Association, proposed vote of thanks. The function was well attended by more than 300 persons.

The inaugural function was followed by three technical sessions namely, ‘Scope and opportunities for doubling farmers’ income through dairying’, ‘Dairy production and processing technologies for commercial dairying’ and ‘Policy interventions for dairy entrepreneurship development’. In all, eight noted speakers including Dr Mrutyunjaya, Dr Dhanakumar, Dr S.V.N. Rao delivered their talks. Students and young scientists presented their posters on the theme. The topics covered were development in Agri-business, effective extension delivery systems, scientific management practices for dairy farming, strategies to be adopted for productivity enhancement of dairy animals from an entrepreneur prospective, vital role of probiotics and their utilization for enhancing farmers’ income, entrepreneurship opportunities in dairy processing on small scale especially in traditional dairy products’ field, importance of business incubation and value chain integration in dairying, and skill development opportunities in dairy sector.

Dr R.R.B. Singh, Director, ICAR- NDRI, in his concluding remarks stated that there are plenty of opportunities for entrepreneurship in the field of dairying and that institutes like NDRI should pave the way to facilitate more and more entrepreneurs to take up dairy business. The seminar ended with vote of thanks proposed by Dr S. Subash, Scientist, the Organizing Secretary of the Seminar.



Honourable Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR and other dignitaries during the laying of Foundation Stone for LRC building at SRS of ICAR-NDRI, Bengaluru on 01.07.2018



Honourable Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR planting a tree sapling at SRS of ICAR-NDRI, Bengaluru on 01.07.2018



Honourable Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR and other dignitaries lighting the ceremonial lamp during the inauguration of the National Seminar and Foundation Day Lecture



Honourable Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR and other dignitaries releasing the Souvenir during the inauguration of the National Seminar