

## Winter School on “Current Concepts and Frontier Technologies for Conservation and Improvement of Indigenous Dairy Bovine Genetic Resources” inaugurated at ICAR-NDRI, Southern Regional Station, Bengaluru

ICAR – Sponsored Winter School on “Current Concepts and Frontier Technologies for Conservation and Improvement of Indigenous Dairy Bovine Genetic Resources” from 19.07.2018 to 08.08.2018 is being organized at ICAR-NDRI, Southern Regional Station, Bengaluru.

A total of 17 participants from different parts of the country are participating in the Winter School. The Winter School was inaugurated on 19.07.2018 by Dr. Suresh S Honnappagol, Animal Husbandry Commissioner, Govt. of India. Dr. Honnappagol apprised the participants about the dairy development programmes being implemented by the Government of India and



explained the importance of Indigenous dairy animals in sustaining the dairying in the country. He indicated that the theme of the Winter School is very apt in the given scenario of climate change. He stressed the importance of application of frontier technologies at field conditions to improve upon the reproductive performance of dairy animal and for faster multiplication of superior germ plasm. He complemented ICAR-NDRI Bengaluru for taking up many programmes including international training programme, externally funded projects, taking up sexed semen technology to field level and mass embryo transfer programme in Deoni cattle.

Dr. K.P. Ramesha, Course Director detailed about the winter school and informed that several expert lectures covering the upstream areas of germ plasm conservation and reproductive efficiency improvement including proteomics, genomics, proteogenomics, bio-informatics, assisted reproductive techniques are being arranged from the renowned personalities in the chosen areas. Additionally, he also



stressed the importance of indigenous dairy animals and their specific values in nutritional security to vast human population in the country. Course Co-ordinators Dr. D.N. Das welcomed the gathering and Dr. A. Kumaresan proposed vote of thanks.