

Alumni Association of SRS of ICAR-NDRI Bengaluru celebrated World Milk Day on 1st June, 2018

On 1st June 2018, under the auspices of Alumni Association, SRS of NDRI, celebrated World Milk Day by arranging a guest lecture by Dr N.V. Belavadi, Advisor, NDDB Dairy Services, New Delhi. Dr Belavadi spoke on the topic “**Dairy Development in India: Issues and Concerns**”. With his more than four decades of close association with NDDB in various capacities, Dr Belavadi traced the vistas of dairy development in India and highlighted the various programmes of Government of India including the Operation Flood Programme, which played cardinal role in transforming the Indian dairy sector from scarcity to sufficiency of milk production besides retaining the supremacy as the largest milk producer of the world since decades. Dr Belavadi, lauding the accomplishments of the Anand Pattern of Dairy Co-operatives, reiterated the growing need to restructure the co-operatives under Company Act for functional autonomy and efficiency. Dr Belavadi also shared some of the serious issues concerning the dairy sector in the coming period, for which he suggested a collective effort for possible amelioration.

Dr K.P. Ramesha, Head, ICAR-NDRI (SRS) and President, Alumni Association, speaking on the occasion, emphasized the importance of milk in human nutrition and acknowledged the vital role of NDDB, NDRI and other related institutions in dairy development of the country. Dr P.K Dixit, Vice President of Alumni Association welcomed the gathering and emphasized the importance of celebration of world milk day. Dr K. Jayaraj Rao, Vice-President of the Association, proposed vote of thanks.

