

**98th FOUNDATION DAY OF ICAR-NDRI CELEBRATED
IN VIRTUAL MODE ON 1st JULY 2020**

The 98th Foundation Day of ICAR-NDRI was celebrated on 1st July in virtual mode on Google meet platform hosted by SRS of ICAR- NDRI, Adugodi, Bengaluru with the support of Alumni Association, SRS of ICAR-NDRI, Bengaluru.

Dr B.N. Tripathi (Deputy Director General (AS), ICAR, New Delhi) and **Shri R. Ramanan** (Additional Secretary to GOI & Mission Director, Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog, New Delhi) were the Guests of Honour. The programme was presided over by **Dr M.S. Chauhan** (Director & Vice Chancellor, ICAR-NDRI, Karnal).

Initiating the programme, **Dr K.P. Ramesha** (Head of SRS of ICAR-NDRI, Bengaluru) welcomed all the participants and complimented all the staff on the occasion of 98th Foundation Day of NDRI. He recalled that the Institute was established at Bengaluru way back in 1923 and since then contributed immensely to the dairy sector of the country. He also mentioned the association of great personalities like Mahatma Gandhi and Dr V. Kurien with this Institute. This was followed by a detailed presentation by **Dr R.R.B. Singh** (Joint Director-Academic, ICAR-NDRI, Karnal) on the achievements and contributions of ICAR-NDRI in dairy research and education.

Dr B.N. Tripathi in his address congratulated ICAR-NDRI on the occasion of 98th Foundation Day and hoped that the Institute would continue to contribute to the progress of Dairy Sector in the country. He recalled the contributions of SRS of ICAR-NDRI, Bengaluru. He also enlisted the thrust areas for research for ICAR-NDRI. **Shri R. Ramanan** delivered Foundation Day Lecture on “Contribution of Incubators to changing the paradigm of innovations in agricultural sector with special reference to livestock sector in India”. He complimented the Institute on the Foundation Day and hoped that SRS-NDRI, Bengaluru would establish a world class Atal Incubation Centre at the earliest in its campus. Being at the helm of prestigious Atal Innovation Mission of NITI Aayog, he delineated the importance of incubators, and stressed that these would immensely contribute to building self reliant India. **Dr A.K. Srivastava and Dr R.K. Singh** in their remarks complimented the Institute on the occasion of 98th Foundation Day and extended all the support to the efforts of the Institute to boost the dairying in the country. **Dr M.S. Chauhan**, in his presidential address, expressed gratitude to the earlier Directors for their contributions and stressed that we have more responsibility to work towards betterment of dairy farmers especially in the present crisis situation.

The programme was also participated by distinguished personalities viz. **Dr A.K. Srivastava** (Member, ASRB, New Delhi), **Dr R.K. Singh** (Director, IVRI, Izatnagar), **Dr S.L. Goswami** (Chairman, RAC of ICAR-NDRI), **Dr G.S. Rajorhia** (President, Indian Dairy Association, New Delhi), **Dr R.R.B. Singh** (Joint Director -Academic) and **Dr Dheer Singh** (Joint Director -Research) and many more. Staff and students of ICAR-NDRI, Karnal, SRS, Bengaluru and ERS, Kalyani as well as Alumni participated in the event.

The Programme concluded with the Vote of thanks proposed by **Dr Dheer Singh**.



Sri. R. Ramanan, Mission Director, Atal Innovation Mission, Niti Ayog delivering Foundation Day lecture on 1st July 2020



Dr M.S. Chauhan, Director, ICAR-NDRI, Karnal delivering Presidential address