

## **REGIONAL STAKEHOLDERS' WORKSHOP ON**

**“Alternate Agricultural Production Pathways in Changing Climates for Southern Region”**

**held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at SRS of ICAR-NDRI, Bengaluru**

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Southern Regional Station of ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute, Bengaluru in association with ICAR-IARI, New Delhi Organized one day Regional Stakeholders' Workshop on “Alternate Agricultural Production Pathways in Changing Climates for Southern Region” on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at SRS of ICAR-NDRI, Bengaluru, under the IVA project on Agriculture for India's Third National Communication to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Funded by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India. The workshop was attended by 35 participants representing State development departments of Southern India namely, Department of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Fisheries and Sericulture. The workshop was also attended by the researchers from ICAR institutes and Extension officials from NGOs. Dr. K.P.Ramesha, Head, SRS of ICAR-NDRI, presided over the function and during his presidential address, he highlighted the contribution of livestock sector in climate change scenario and underlined the importance of undertaking more research work on impact of changes in climatic conditions on animal productivity. In this context, he reiterated the significance of indigenous cattle production systems under changing climate scenario. He added that NDRI had been working on enhancing productivity of indigenous breeds of cattle as well as assisted reproductive technologies. Dr. S. Naresh Kumar, Principal Scientist & Project Investigator, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi, addressing the gathering, highlighted the significance of climate change in agricultural production systems and emphasized the need for adoption of alternate agricultural production systems. Further, he also briefed the objectives of this workshop and expected fruitful outcomes of the workshop through active participation of all the participants. The participants were divided in to four working groups to deliberate on various issues of climate change in the context of natural resource conservation, agricultural production & marketing and policy initiatives, under four different scenarios. The groups made presentations in respect of their scenario and were deliberated in the open house, for drawing inferences. Dr. Subash, Scientist & Coordinator of the workshop welcomed the dignitaries and participants, while, Dr. Om Prakash, Principal Scientist ICAR-IARI, New Delhi proposed vote of thanks.

