

**Visit of Shri. Chhabilendra Roul, Hon'ble Special Secretary, DARE & Secretary, ICAR,  
New Delhi to SRS of ICAR-NDRI, Bengaluru on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

Shri. Chhabilendra Roul, Hon'ble Special Secretary, DARE & Secretary ICAR, New Delhi visited SRS of ICAR-NDRI, Bengaluru on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018. The Secretary paid the respect to the Father of Nation Mahatma Ganghiji's statue, planted a tree sapling and interacted with the Head of the station about the status of Heritage Building renovation. Later, he visited to Livestock Research Centre where he was briefed about the Deoni and Malnad Gidda indigenous cattle, vermicompost production unit, fodder production area and fodder demonstration unit. Further, he also inspected the institute's boundary wall and discussed the need building the damaged boundary wall and increasing the height of boundary wall. Later, he made a visit to different laboratories of Dairy Production, Dairy Engineering, Dairy Technology, Dairy Extension Section, Theriogenology laboratory and interacted with the scientists about the on-going research activities of the station and available laboratory facilities. Later, an interaction meeting with all the scientists of the station was held. Dr.K. P. Ramesha highlighted the recent research achievements, publications, students' activities, new initiatives and administrative staff status. The Head also emphasized the need for additional funding for developmental activities and upkeep of infrastructure facilities and urgent requirement of administrative manpower.

The Secretary complimented the Scientists of this station for the good work being carried out and for getting large number of externally funded projects in frontier areas of research and getting awards not only by staff but also by students. He stressed on the importance of studying economic viability of indigenous cattle, the need for sexed semen technology for effective population control of cattle in the context of green gas emission, limited feed and fodder resources and keeping the animal welfare measures. He also emphasized the need for assessing nutritional value of indigenous cow milk and milk products. The secretary addressed the Diploma, PG and PhD students of SRS of NDRI and subsequently he visited to student's hostel and Guest House. Finally, Head of the station has acknowledged the visit of Secretary and his motivating remarks and suggestions for the development of the station.

