National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI) was conferred Agriculture Leadership Award-2013 recently in a glittering function at Taj Palace New Delhi that was presented to Dr. A.K. Srivastava, Director jointly by H.E. Hon’ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Sh. B.L. Joshi and Sh. Tariq Anwar, Minister of State for Agriculture & Food Processing Industries in the presence of the Chief Minister, Punjab and Architect of India’s Green Revolution Prof. M.S. Swaminathan.

The Jury headed by Prof. M.S. Swaminathan, Father of India’s Green Revolution selected NDRI for Agriculture Leadership Award-2013 as the Institute has set a benchmark in dairy research, by contributing in research efforts to augment milk productivity, value addition, quality and safety of milk, and economic and marketing aspects related to dairying.

“NDRI has been actively working on genetic improvement of cattle and Murrah buffaloes; and developed nutritional technologies for augmentation of milk productivity” told Dr. Srivastava. He added that recognising its strength on Genomics research, the centre has been included in the "Buffalo Gene Mapping" initiative of department of Biotechnology and Niche Area of Research on Buffalo Production and Reproduction Genomics by the ICAR.
NDRI has developed a strong competency in the area of quality and safety of milk and milk products. The institute has developed research methodologies for economic evaluation of dairy production and processing systems, which have been recognised as empirical tools by researchers and development added Dr. Srivastava.

He said that NDRI has taken aggressive steps to transfer the technologies of the Institute to the industry and dairy farmers of the country. Very recently, Industry has picked up some of the prominent innovations and technologies of the Institute such as ‘a new test for detection of detergent in milk’, ‘a kit for antibiotic residues’, 'Kit for detection of Listeria onocytogenes', 'mineral mixture for animals' technology for 'iron fortified biscuits', recombinant chymosin, and bacterial rennet.

Scientists of the NDRI congratulated Dr. Srivastava on this achievement and the Director said that this is the team effort of the NDRI who has brought this laurel and hoped that in future the scientists will work in a similar fashion to generate more dairy production and processing technologies for both the dairy industry as well as the dairy farm families of the country.