The two days meeting jointly organized by National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), Anand (Gujarat) and ICAR-NDRI, Karnal concludes with the recommendations to counter the Impact of Climate Change on Livestock Productivity and Health.

Sh. T. Nanda Kumar, Chairman NDDB said that now we must clearly distinguish the two sets of immediately adoptable issues and researchable issues that can minimize the effect of changing climate on livestock. Moreover, the different groups involved in this area of research should work in close collaboration in order to reach a realistic solution of the problem and working in isolation may not lead to anywhere close to the target. He also said that NDDB will take good lessons from the discussion that has taken place on different aspects.

Dr. A.K. Srivastava, Director and Vice Chancellor, ICAR-NDRI, Karnal, in his concluding remark said that all the data related to climate change should be in public domain, so that better strategies can be developed and repetition of work either may be minimized or avoided. He also said that we should work on the effect of livestock on climate and vice-versa.

Dr. AK Sikka, DDG (ICAR-NRM), on this occasion also shared his views on livestock specific methane measurement and management system. He also emphasized on the shelter and manure management issues and said that these should be livestock and area specific. Any technology made for adaptation to changed climate should be cost effective, simple and farmer friendly.

Dr. M.R. Garg, NDDB, Anand, Dr. R.C. Upadhyay, ICAR-NDRI, Karnal, Dr. Philippe Lecomte, CIRAD, France, Dr. J. Slingenbergh, Ex Head of EMPRESS Animal Health, FAO, Rome, Italy; Dr. Harinder P S Makkar, Animal Production Officer, FAO, Rome, Italy; Dr. F.E. de Buisonje and Dr. Theun Vellinga, Netherlands, participated in the panel discussions on methane mitigation.

Dr. RK Singh, Director, IVRI, Izatnagar; Dr. G.R. Patil Joint Director (Academic); Dr. R.K. Malik Joint Director (Research); Shri Sangram Chaudhary, NDDB, Anand; Dr. S.M.K. Naqvi, Director, CSWRI, Avikanager and Dr. Inderjeet Singh, Director CIRB, Hissar were also present on this occasion.