One more feather is added to the NDRI’s cap on 25\textsuperscript{th} January 2013 when a female calf was born from cloned buffalo Garima. NDRI has named the newborn female calf “Mahima”. In the world, it is the first calf born from cloned buffaloes, produced through hand guided cloning technique. Mahima, weighing 32 kg, was born on 25\textsuperscript{th} January 2013 at 1.51 PM by normal parturition. The newborn “Mahima” is keeping very good health and have started suckling of milk within 30 minutes of birth. It is to remind that National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal is known across the globe and came in lime light for production of World’s first buffalo cloned calf Garima. This institute is continuing this frontier technique for producing more cloned animals. The Garima, born on 22\textsuperscript{nd} August 2010 attained early sexual maturity at 19 months of age compared to her contemporaries (around 28 months) and was inseminated with frozen-thawed semen of a progeny tested bull of NDRI No. 1875 on 27\textsuperscript{th} March 2012, which resulted in
conception. She was maintained under standard scientific management system during her gestation. On 25\textsuperscript{th} Morning, she showed impending calving symptoms and was given medical care. At around 1.00 PM she showed symptoms of second stage of parturition and calved normally. The jubilant team of scientists informed that the mother and calf are in perfect health condition.
Dear Dr. Srivastava,

I am pleased to learn about the research accomplishment of NDRI scientists that led to successful birth of female buffalo calf ‘Mahima’ on the 25th January, 2013 from cloned buffalo mother ‘Garima-II’ born through hand guided cloning technique. This being the world’s first offspring of cloned buffalo would lead to new vistas in animal reproduction. Please accept my compliments and convey my congratulations to all scientists associated with the programme at NDRI, Karnal.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

DIRECTOR

(Sharad Pawar)

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[Handwritten note: to all convey congratulations of humble AM to your team members]

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