99th FOUNDATION DAY OF ICAR-NDRI CELEBRATED IN VIRTUAL MODE ON 1st JULY 2021

The 99th Foundation Day of ICAR-NDRI was celebrated on 1st July in virtual mode hosted by SRS of ICAR- NDRI, Adugodi, Bengaluru with the support of Alumni Association, SRS of ICAR-NDRI, Bengaluru. **Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Hon'ble Secretary DARE & Director General of ICAR**, was the Chief Guest, **Dr B.N. Tripathi,** Deputy Director General (AS), ICAR, New Delhi was the Guest of Honour and **Dr. M.S. Chauhan**, Director & Vice Chancellor, ICAR-NDRI, Karnal presided over the programme. **Dr. K. P. Ramesha**, Head, SRS of ICAR-NDRI, Bengaluru and President, Alumni Association, SRS of ICAR-NDRI welcomed the Chief Guest, Guests, Dignitaries, Senior Officials from ICAR, New Delhi, Directors of ICAR Institutes, Alumni, Scientists, Staff and Students of ICAR-NDRI and invitees. In his welcome address Dr Ramesha briefed the salient achievements of SRS of ICAR-NDRI, Bengaluru since inception and remarked that the Institute would celebrate 100th Foundation Day next year. In this regard, he requested for one-time catch-up grant to be sanctioned to SRS and also construction of Centenary Building at the mother campus of ICAR-NDRI to commemorate hundredth year of existence. Dr. M.S. Chauhan, has presented the achievements of ICAR-NDRI in terms of research publications, patents, technologies developed and commercialized, human resource generated and trained, awards and recognitions received by ICAR- NDRI and also the future thrust areas of research & development.

The Chief Guest, Dr T. Mohapatra complimented the accomplishments of NDRI for the cause of dairy development in India and asked to have yearlong activities during the centenary year. Dr Mohapatra reiterated that ICAR-NDRI must document its economic and social impact in terms of research outputs, technologies developed and commercialised, human resource developed and trained in dairying through segmented approach by a third party and benchmarking of the institute taking one world class dairy institute as base. He also suggested for arranging interface meeting with dairy entrepreneurs, gaushalas, officials from State Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and dairy industry personnel on a regular basis and framing of industry-institute partnership research projects for addressing key issues faced by the dairy sector as a whole. Dr Mohapatra also called for framing of effective breeding policy for bovines especially for indigenous cattle in order to improve their productivity and a robust policy framework on stray cattle management. He also called upon Scientists to take up basic research for delineating the presence of bioactive peptides and other nutraceuticals in the milk of various indigenous breeds of cattle and to develop policy framework for improving the dairy sector per se taking into account other dairy animals viz Goat, Yak, Mithun, Camel etc besides cattle and buffalo. Hon'ble DG ICAR also stressed the need to increase handholding of upstream reproductive technologies like ETT, IVF, OPU, Animal cloning etc in the country. He also suggested for Impact assessment of the Human Resource developed by NDRI in improving dairy sector in the country and also reiterated to prepare ourselves to find the solutions to the emerging challenges and needs of dairy farmers and dairy industries. Dr Mohapatra emphasized upon developing need-based technologies having potential for creation of economic as well as social impact among the stakeholders in dairying.

The Guest of Honour, Dr B. N. Tripathi, DDG (Animal Sciences), ICAR, New Delhi while delivering his remarks, complimented the work done at Karnal, Bengaluru and Kalyani campus of ICAR-NDRI. He emphasized that Scientists should work on precision dairy farming and towards boosting exports of dairy products. In particular, he stressed the need for attracting youths for dairying. He opined that, students should be given problem solving projects which

could be identified by conducting brain storming sessions involving younger generation. He also suggested that we should gear up for activities in view of next year centenary celebrations.

Dr R.R.B. Singh, Joint Director (Academics) has proposed vote of thanks. The function was well attended by more than 300 persons.

Glimpses of 99th Foundation Day of ICAR-NDRI on virtual mode