

Training Programme on “ Herd Management and Breed Improvement” for Extension personnel and farmers of various districts of Uttar Pradesh concluded on 9th March, 2018

A five day's training programme sponsored by the State Agricultural Management Institute, Rahmankhera, Lucknow, UP for Extension Personnel and farmers of various districts of UP concluded today (9th March, 2018). The programme was organized by the Joint Directorate of Extension Education, IVRI, Izatnagar on “Herd Management and Breed Improvement” during 5.3.2018 to 9.3.2018.



On the occasion of the Concluding function of the training programme on 9.3.2018, Dr. Mahesh Chander, JDEE (Act.) and Course Director of the course enlightened the participants about the leading role of IVRI in technology generation for improving livestock health and productivity. He emphasized the need to focus more on scientific livestock management for improved productivity of livestock. He motivated the extension



personnel's and farmers to implement the ideas and knowledge learnt during these five days training. He also stressed on the breed improvement issues and emphasized the role of indigenous livestock for organic farming. He also emphasized that the extension personnel should help the farmers/farmwomen to get their products certified as organic, to create a niche in the market for themselves. He motivated the participants to move towards processing, value addition and

branding of their products, to earn more from the same produce.

Initially Dr Rupasi Tiwari, Course coordinator of the training programme appraised about the five day rigorous training schedule wherein the participants were exposed towards various aspects of herd management such as scientific housing, scientific feeding, fodder production round the year, health care management, diseases and their prevention, infertility in livestock and its control, internal and external parasites in livestock, preparation of balanced ration and feeding, care of neonatal calves, zoonotic diseases, First aid, ITK, etc. A significant focus of the training was on Breed improvement



wherein various topics related to the issue viz, Breed improvement in cattle, AI for breed improvement, selection of indigenous cattle breeds for high milk production, effects of inbreeding and its prevention, selection of bulls for breed improvement and entrepreneurship development and role of indigenous breeds in organic farming. Apart from these topics the training also focussed on the technologies and services of the institute, ICT tools available for dairy management, vermicomposting and loan and insurance facilities for dairy farming. The five day training programme also included exposure visits to various units of the institute such as the vermicompost unit, KVK, Milk Processing and packaging plant, Polyclinic and Museum,

A total of 35 participants from various districts of UP viz., Bareilly, Pilibhit, Moradabad, Rampur and Sambhal districts attended the training programme. The extension personnel and farmers were very much satisfied by the training and opined to attend such type of many more specialized trainings to improve their skills and knowledge to serve the farming community in a better manner.