

TEC-IVRI Pune organized Dairy Farmers' Meet, Exhibition and Kisan Goshthi at Lakhani, Dist. Bhandara (Maharashtra) on 25th March 2017

Training and Education Centre of ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Pune organized Dairy farmers' Meet, Exhibition and Kisan Goshthi at Lakhani, Dist Bhandara (MH) on 25th March 2017 in collaboration with National Association for Welfare of Animal and Research (NAWAR), Nagpur. Dr AK Garg, Joint Director (EE), IVRI, Izatnagar, and Dr KN Bhilegaonkar, SIC, Dr SK Das, Pr. Sci. and Mr D Bhaskara Rao, TO, TEC, Pune attended the programme. Besides around 525 farmers, about 20 officials of State Animal Husbandry Department of Maharashtra and 25 faculty members and students from Nagpur Veterinary College, Nagpur participated in the programme. Hon'ble Shri Nanabhau Patole, Member of Parliament in his inaugural address emphasised on the dairy farming as an important support for livelihood of farmers. He praised the effort of IVRI, Pune Centre and NAWAR, Nagpur for organizing this event and urged the farmers to take the advantage of this opportunity of meeting scientists/experts from the national institute to upscale their knowledge on latest livestock technologies and animal husbandry practices. Dr AK Garg, in his presidential address informed the farmers about the pioneering role played by IVRI in the growth of livestock sector in general and animal health in particular. Dr KN Bhilegaonkar in his introductory remarks informed about the IVRI Pune Centre's activities and purpose of this Dairy Farmers' Meet/Kisan Goshthi. Other experts who spoke on the occasion of inaugural function were Dr NP Dakshinkar, Dean, Nagpur Veterinary College, and Mr Sunil Mansighka, Coordinator, Go-vigyan Evam Go-anusandhan Kendra, Nagpur. Dr Ajay Poharkar, Secretary NAWAR Coordinated the programme and Dr SB Barbuddhe, President NAAWAR, proposed vote of thanks. During the inaugural session 20 farmers/veterinary officers/organizations were felicitated for their significant contribution in the dairy development in the region. Two folders namely "*Clean Milk Production*" and "*Control of Tick Infestation in Cattle*" were released on this occasion and distributed to the farmers. Earlier, Hon'ble Shri Nanabhau Patole, MP inaugurated the exhibition stalls wherein TEC-IVRI Pune and other organizations put up stalls depicting their activities/technologies/products for the benefit of farmers.

In the afternoon session, a video film about IVRI was shown to the farmers and expert talks were given by Dr NP Dakshinkar, Dean, Nagpur Veterinary College on '*Health Care of Dairy Animals*' and by Dr Sandeep Chaudhari, Associate Professor, VPH, Nagpur Veterinary College, Nagpur on '*Zoonotic Diseases*'. This was followed by interaction session with the enthusiastic farmers, who asked their queries/problems and the faculty from IVRI and Nagpur Veterinary college responded to their queries.



Inauguration of Farmers' Meet



Release of folders



Hon'ble Shri Nanabhau Patole, Member of Parliament addressing the farmers



Dr AK Garg, addressing the farmers



Felicitation of progressive livestock farmers



Felicitation of a Lady Veterinary Officer



A large gathering of livestock farmers at the Meet



Inauguration of exhibition stall of IVRI by the Chief Guest



Stall exhibiting the IVRI technologies



Hon'ble MP, Shri Nanabhau Patole, showing interest in IVRI technologies