

ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar organized an Interface Meet with Veterinary Officers, Subject matter Specialists and Dairy development officials of Bundelkhand region at ICAR-IGFRI Jhansi

ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar in collaboration with ICAR-IGFRI Jhansi organized a one-day Interface Meet with Veterinary Officers of the Department of Animal Husbandry, Subject Matter Specialists of KVK's, Dairy development officials of Bundelkhand region, Scientists of IVRI, Izatnagar and IGFRI, Jhansi on 2nd August 2017 at IGFRI, Jhansi, UP. The programme was attended by more than 200 participants

Dr. Ghosh in his inaugural address desired to develop more linkages and convergence among the various stakeholders for doubling farmers income. He emphasized on control of "Anna Pratha" (abandoning the unproductive animals), which is a big issue in the Bundelkhand region. He suggested for initiating of a breeding programme for Bundelkhand region for improving the productivity of these animals, developing cattle sheds at block level for anna animals and creating awareness about use of dung and urine for converting them into valuable wealth. He also focused on popularizing agroforestry, livestock rearing, crop diversification and inclusion of various other enterprises such as bee keeping etc. to enhance the farmers income. Water scarcity was a major issue addressed by him and recommended for enhancing water harvesting structures, recharging of well and popularizing drip irrigation and sprinkler irrigation in the region. He appreciated the efforts of IVRI for organizing such an Interface and was of the opinion that more such meets be organized to provide a firsthand knowledge to the field practitioners about latest advancement in the veterinary technologies and ways to solve the field problems. Dr. O.P. Chaturvedi, Director,

CAFRI, Jhansi in his brief address highlighted upon the importance of such interface meets with the line departments and appreciated the efforts of ICAR-IVRI in this regard. He explained various agroforestry techniques and their utility for livestock production. Dr. Ram Asish Singh, Additional Director, Animal Husbandry, Jhansi Mandal briefed about the status of livestock resources, production and priorities of the department in the state. He also revealed problems of Bundelkhand region and his expectations from IVRI to solve them for further improvement of the livestock production and productivity in the region. He also emphasized on control of "Anna Pratha". He suggested for providing sexed semen to the department for production of more of female cattle. Dr. A.K. Garg Joint Director (EE), ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar briefed about



various extension activities/ programme being carried out by the ICAR-IVRI at national level for promotion of technologies for improving the livestock health and production in the country. He focused on the role of improving animal productivity for doubling the farmers income.

Dr. Asim Kumar Mishra, PS and Head, PAR Division, IGFRI, Jhansi in his welcome address promised to extend full support for organizing such type of programmes for the welfare of livestock owners in the region.

Two technical sessions were held, wherein scientists from IVRI, Izatnagar and IGFRI, Jhansi made their presentations about the latest technological advancements made in the various aspects of Veterinary and Animal Sciences.

Presentations in the first session included topics like “Technologies developed, patented and commercialized by IVRI” by Dr. Rupasi Tiwari; “Strategic feed supplementation for improving animal production and health” by Dr. N. Dutta; “Major parasitic diseases of livestock and their control” by Dr. Hira Ram; “Livestock Reproduction Interventions” by Dr. S.K.Singh; “Surgical Intervention and Related Package of Practices” by Dr. M. Hoque and “Emerging communicable diseases of livestock and their control” by Dr. Sumit Mahajan. In the second technical session, two presentations were made i.e. on “Fodder production strategies for economic livestock production” by Dr. A.K. Dixit and “Forage based feeding system for dairy animals” by Dr. SK Mahanta.

Both technical sessions were followed by elaborate discussions between the Veterinary Officers and SMS of KVK and the scientists about the problems in the field and their solutions. The Interface meet was jointly coordinated by Dr. Rupasi Tiwari, PS And I/C, ATIC, IVRI, Izatnagar and Dr. Asim Mishra, PS& Head, Plant Animal Relationship Division IGFRI, Jhansi.

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