

## A Report

### **DSVC Kamdhenu University and IDA (WZ) organizes two-day National Conference at Raipur, 10-11 April 2025**



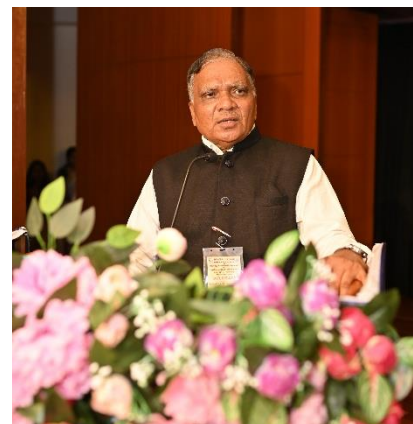
Dau Shri Vasudev Chandrakar Kamdhenu Vishwavidyalaya, Durg, and Indian Dairy Association (West Zone), jointly organized a two-day National Conference on "Dairying: A Sustainable Approach for Transforming Livelihoods and Health" on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of April 2025 at Dr. C. Rajeshwari Auditorium, Sri



Sathya Sai Sowbhagyam, Centre for Human Development, Raipur, Chhattisgarh. The objective of this conference was to explore sustainable strategies and innovative solutions in the dairy industry that can enhance rural livelihoods and promote better health outcomes. The event brought together experts,

policymakers, industry leaders, and stakeholders to exchange insights and discuss advancements in the field.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by Honourable Minister of sports and youth welfare, Govt. of Chhattisgarh Sri Tank Ram Verma as the chief guest and Shri. S. Rajeev, Executive Director, National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB) as the Guest of Honour and Dr. R.S. Sodhi, President, Indian Dairy Association (IDA)



as the Special Guest. The inaugural session was chaired by Dr. R.R.B. Singh,



Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Dau Shri Vasudev Chandrakar Kamdhenu Vishwavidyalaya, Durg. The stage was further adorned by the presence of Dr. J.B. Prajapati, Chairman IDA(WZ) and Dr. Sudhir Uprit, Convener and Dr. Vikram Singh Sisodia, Secretary to Speaker, CG Vidhan Sabha.

On this occasion, the hon'ble minister Sri Tank Ram Verma ji highlighted the role of dairy sector in livelihood and also stressed upon efforts to encourage rural youths to take up dairying as a vocation.

Shri S. Rajeev, in his address, focused on the role of NDDDB in boosting the dairy sector in the state. He also indicated that after the take over of the State's Cooperative Dairy Federation with brand name Devbhog, the strategies for the its



development are being made to enhance the prosperity of dairy farmers. Dr. R.S. Sodhi provided insights on comprehensive development of the dairy sector in the state. With interesting statistics on dairy development in CG, he insisted that all round efforts should be made to increase productivity of milch animals with better genomics, feed, fodder and management practices. Farmers should also keep crossbred cows with alongwith indigenous breeds for better substantiality of the dairy business. Dr JB Prajapati, in his speech brought out the nutritional and therapeutic significance of dairy products and advocated consumption of milk as it has preventive role on type 2 diabetes and other metabolic syndromes. Negative propaganda about milk by vegan and plant based lobbies must be countered with scientific data.

The inaugural session also marked the felicitation of 7 progressive dairy farmers of the state including 4 women farmers by the hon'ble minister.



The two day conference was attended by approximately 350 farmers from around the state and 100 scientist, 150

students and representatives of leading dairy industries of the country. Special lectures and interactive talks were organized for the dairy farmers. Subject specialist from NDDB, BAIF, academia and industry deliberated on some key issues related to dairy farmers of the state. Technical session-1 was dedicated to emerging challenges in the animal husbandry and milk production management. Speakers from different govt. and non-government organizations enlightened the audience with their presentations. The Technical session-2 covered the processing aspect of milk and saw some very important presentation from experts

of Nestle India Ltd, ISSER Mohali, Helly Food and Dairy Consultancy, RA consultancy and Kamdhenu University Gujarat on new technologies, emerging challenges and potential start-up ideas related to dairy.



A National Dairy Quiz was organized as an integral part of this conference in which 23 teams from 15 different academic institutions around the country and 2 teams from dairy industry participated in the multi-event rounds. The quiz was tailored, curated and presented by the quiz masters Dr. Jarita Malik and Dr. Amit Patel from SMC college of Dairy Science, Anand. The first round was an off-stage round in which all the teams participated. Eight teams fought in the on-stage semi-final round. The final round saw four teams competing for the title, from ICAR-NDRI Karnal, CDST LUVAS Hisar, CoDT PVNRTVU, Kamareddy Telangana and Dairy Polytechnic, Bemetara, DSVCKV, Chhattisgarh. After several gruelling rounds on different aspects of dairying and a nail-biting finish, Dairy Polytechnic, Bemetara, DSVCKV emerged as the 1<sup>st</sup> winner and ICAR-NDRI at the second place. All the finalist teams were awarded special prizes.



A cultural program was also organized for the participants, wherein students of Dau Shri Vasudev Chandrakar Kamdhenu Vishwavidyalaya, Durg, enthralled the audience with their dazzling performances.



The two day event was all but possible from the generous support from the sponsors : Sarda Dairy & Foods Pvt. Ltd., Raipur (Brand : Vachan), IB Group, Rajnandgaon; Chhattisgarh State Milk Cooperative Federation (Devbhog) & National Dairy Development Board; Bureau of Indian Standards, Government of India; Shri Bajrang Alliance Ltd. (GOELD Foods); Vama Dairy (Brand : Gaia) ; DeLaval India; Everest Instruments, Ahmedabad; Ice Make Refrigeration, Ahmedabad ; DAPL, Mumbai; BEC Foods Durg, UCO Bank, State Bank of India and IDBI Bank.



The valedictory ceremony of the two day event was graced by Dr. R.R.B. Singh, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, DSVCKV, Durg and Dr. J.B. Prajapati, Chairman, IDA(WZ), Shri. Venkat Ramanna, Director, Sarda Dairy and Foods, Dr. Bhanupratap Rathiya, Registrar, DSVCKV, Shri Arun Patil, Vice-president, IDA, Shri. Madhav Patgaonkar, Secretary, IDA(WZ) and Dr. Sudhir Uprit, convener and dean CDSFT Raipur. The ceremony began with floral welcome of the guests followed by report presentation on farmers and technical sessions by the respective rapporteurs. This was followed by felicitation of Sponsors, winners of the quiz competition and the entire organizing team of IDA(WZ) and DSVCKV, Durg and vote of thanks by Mr. Madhav Patgaonkar.

