

## ICAR-NIFMD celebrates its 24<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day

5<sup>th</sup> July 2025, Bhubaneswar



The ICAR – NIFMD celebrated its 24<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day today on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at National Institute on Foot and Mouth Disease Campus, Bhubaneswar. The programme was conducted in hybrid mode.

Dr. S. K. Bandyopadhyay, Former Member, ASRB, Former Animal Husbandry Commissioner, GoI & Former FAO Expert has graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The 24<sup>th</sup> Foundation day exhibition was inaugurated by him in presence of Dr. V.A. Srinivasan, Former Advisor, NDDB & Former, Director, IIL, Hyderabad, Prof. (Dr.) B. Pattnaik, Former Director, ICAR-NIFMD and Former Dean, IVS&AH, SOA University, Bhubaneswar, Dr. Divakar Hemadri, Assistant Director General (Animal Health), ICAR, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi and other dignitaries from different ICAR institutes located at Cuttack and Bhubaneswar, as well as state govt of Odisha officials from OBPI, ADRI. The programme was started with a plantation programme where in different guests have planted several plants in the campus. Then the Foundation Day exhibition was inaugurated by the guests. In the exhibition, various stalls from different ICAR institutes located in and around Bhubaneswar and Cuttack viz ICAR-CRRI, ICAR-CIWA, ICAR-IIWM, ICAR-DPR regional centre, ICAR- IIHR-CHES regional centre and Entrepreneurs participated along with ICAR-NIFMD and Odisha State Animal Husbandry Department. Two progressive farmers technically supported by the institute demonstrated backyard poultry and mushroom cultivation techniques. Many farmers from adjacent villages as well as institute adopted villages have visited the exhibition.

The foundation celebrations were conducted at institute training block. The programme started with ICAR song, and after the lighting of Lamp on this auspicious occasion by the dignitaries, Dr. R.P. Singh Director, ICAR-NIFMD welcomed the guests and presented the

achievements of ICAR-NIFMD briefly followed by address by guest of Honours Dr. Divakar Hemadri, Assistant Director General (Animal Health) ICAR, Krishi Bhawan and Dr. B. Pattnaik Former Director, ICAR-NIFMD. The Chief Guest of the program Dr. S. K. Bandyopadhyay congratulated all the staff of the institute on the occasion for the good work, appreciated the contribution of the former directors and staff as well as roadmap for future challenges in the interest of country. Dr. V.A. Srinivasan also graced the occasion as Guest of Honour and appreciated the tremendous progress of the institute and highlighted the collaborative work. The contribution of retired directors and staffs were highlighted and Felicitation of progressive Farmers was done by the dignitaries. The programme was moderated by Dr. J.K. Mohapatra Principal Scientist and Dr Monalisa Sahoo, Senior Scientist, ICAR-NIFMD.

Dr. V.A. Srinivasan, Former Advisor, NDDB & Former, Director, IIL, Hyderabad graced the occasion as Distinguished Speaker & Guest of Honour. He delivered Foundation Day Lecture on “Tracing the History of Foot- and -Mouth -Disease Epidemiology, vaccine production, and Control in India”. Dr. J.K. Mohapatra Principal Scientist, ICAR-NIFMD delivered Vote of Thanks.





