ICAR-National Institute on Foot and Mouth Disease, Bhubaneswar celebrates 23rd Foundation Day

5th July 2024, Bhubaneswar

The ICAR - NIFMD celebrated its 23^{rd} Foundation Day today on 5^{th} July 2024 at National Institute on Foot and Mouth Disease Campus, Bhubaneswar. The programme was conducted in hybrid mode.



Dr. Raghavendra Bhatta, Deputy Director General (Animal Science) ICAR, New Delhi has graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The 23rd Foundation day exhibition was inaugurated by him in presence of Prof. P.K. Roul, VC, OUAT, Bhubaneswar, Dr. B. Pattnaik, Former Director, ICAR-DFMD and Dean, IVS&AH, SOA University, Dr. R. Venkataramanan, Former Joint Director ICAR-IVRI, Bengaluru, Dr A K Nayak, Director, ICAR-NRRI and other dignitaries from different ICAR institutes located at Cuttack and Bhubaneswar, OUAT as well as state govt officials. Many farmers from adjacent villages as well as about 300 school students have visited the exhibition.



Then the programme was followed by a plantation programme by different guests in the campus.



In the foundation day meeting conducted at institute training block, Dr. R.P. Singh Director, ICAR-NIFMD welcomed the guests and presented the achievements of ICAR-NIFMD briefly followed by address by guest of Honour Dr. B. Pattnaik and Dr. R. Venkataramanan.

Prof. P.K. Roul, Vice Chancellor, OUAT, Bhubaneswar also graced the occasion as Guest of Honour and he appreciated the tremendous progress of the institute and highlighted the collaborative work as well as branding.



The contribution of former directors and staffs were highlighted and Felicitation Staffs and Successful Farmers was done by the dignitaries.

The Chief Guest of the program Dr. Bhatta congratulated all the staffs of the institute on the occasion for the good work, appreciated the contribution of the former directors and staffs as well as roadmap for future challenges in the interest of country with a vision of FMD Mukt Bharat.



Dr. R. Venkataramanan, Former Joint Director ICAR-IVRI, Bengaluru graced the occasion as Distinguished Speaker & Guest of Honour. He has delivered Foundation Day Lecture on "Foot and Mouth Disease Control in India - Lessons from Experience in South America".

Dr. J.K. Mohapatra Principal Scientist, ICAR-NIFMD has provided Vote of Thanks.



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