

## **25<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of ICAR-NIFMD**

The ICAR – NIFMD celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at National Institute on Foot and Mouth Disease Campus, Bhubaneswar. The programme was conducted in hybrid mode.



Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar Director, Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The 25<sup>th</sup> Foundation day exhibition was inaugurated by

him in presence of Guest of Honour Prof. Susen Kumar Panda Dean, College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry, OUA&T and Director of NIFMD Dr. R.P. Singh. Arrival of the Dignitaries, laboratory visit was arranged followed by Plantation & Inauguration of Exhibition. Stalls from different ICAR institutes located in and around Bhubaneswar viz: ICAR-CIFA, CRRI, CIWA, OUAT, IIPR, ICAR-DPR regional centre, ICAR-IIHR-CHES regional centre participated along with IIL, State FARD Department. One progressive farmer and entrepreneur Smt. Jhilimani Behera brought mushroom cultivation techniques stall. Many farmers from adjacent villages as well as institute adopted villages have visited the exhibition.

Address by Guest of Honour was made by Dr. S.K. Panda . He discussed about different diseases of livestock and how veterinarians serve the society. Foundation Day Lecture “From Detection to Foresight: Disease Intelligence for Transboundary Threats” was delivered by Dr Baldev R. Gulati, Director, ICAR-NIVEDI, Bengaluru. The NIFMD Newsletter was inaugurated during the occasion.

Felicitation of 17 Farmers (12 from SC and 5 from ST) was done by Guests & Dignitaries on Dias. Participants views on foundation day theme “Science, Surveillance & Solutions: Towards FMD Free India” were taken from participants. Address by the Chief Guest was from Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar Director, Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar. He discussed many aspects and pointed out the research areas where collaboration could be thought of between ICAR-NIFMD and IIT, Bhubaneswar. Felicitation of dignitaries was performed. Vote of Thanks was delivered by Dr. M. Rout, Senior Scientist.

During the programme, many dignitaries also joined through online platform. Dr. Y.P.S. Malik, DDG (Education, ICAR), Dr. Praveen Mallik, Dr. Jyoti Misri, Dr. R. Somvanshi, Dr. B.B. Dash joined through online mode. JD OBPI and personnel from ADRI and DAHD also joined. 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 Foundation Day exhibition was inaugurated by the guests and was point of attraction. 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 have participated along with ICAR-NIFMD and Odisha State Animal Husbandry Department. Farmer-Scientist Interface (Exhibition area) was conducted involving all the farmers and scientists.

An input distribution programme was also organized for SC and ST farmers in the campus during the occasion, where the farmers were distributed with useful inputs for day-to-day use.

On 6<sup>th</sup> July, around 50 students from 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> standard from 3 different schools e.g., 15 from Govt High School, Aragul, 20 from Panchayat High School, Benapanjari and 15 from Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir, Bisiapada along with 3 teachers namely, Mr. Biswanath Jena from Aragul, Mr. Chandrakanta Paikaray from SSVM, Mr. Soubhagya Ranjan Jena from Benapanjari school came to visit the stalls as per the invitation. A formal meeting was organized, where students were apprised through a mini film shot about the activities going on in NIFMD laboratory. They were inspired by scientists on decisions on their future vision. Students and teachers were allowed to express their opinion about the programme.















