



13th Foundation Day Celebration

at
ICAR-Directorate of Foot and Mouth Disease
International Centre for Foot and Mouth Disease
Arugul, Bhubaneswar- 752050, Odisha



ICAR-Directorate of Foot and Mouth Disease, Bhubaneswar a premier research institute of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), under the Department of Agricultural Research and Education, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, celebrated its 13th Foundation day on July 5, 2022. On July 5, 2009, the foundation stone of ICAR-DFMD-ICFMD was laid by then Hon'ble Union minister for Agriculture Sri Sarad Pawarji. Dr. B.N. Tripathi, DDG (AS), ICAR, New Delhi, graced the 13th foundation day celebration as the chief guest. The dignitaries planted mango saplings to



commemorate the occasion. On this occasion, an "Input distribution programme" for the scheduled caste community under DAPSC was organized in the Institute premises. Hon'ble chief guest, Dr. B.N. Tripathi, distributed goats of Ganjam breed to the beneficiaries with an



aim to uplift the financial status through creation of goat value chain. Dr. B.N. Tripathi, DDG (AS), ICAR, New Delhi, in presence of Dr R. P. Singh, Director, DFMD inaugurated the "Rain Water Harvesting Facility".

At the outset, Dr J. K. Mohapatra, Scientist in Charge, ICFMD welcomed all the dignitaries and invitees joining the function both online and physically. Dr. R.P. Singh, Director, ICAR-DFMD, gave a brief overview of the institute's accomplishments and milestone achievements. He addressed the gathering presenting the timeline of genesis of the

high containment BSL3Ag laboratory at ICFMD, Bhubaneswar and how the Institute has been instrumental in extending timely technical support to the National Animal Disease Control Programme-FMD launched by Govt. of India. He also highlighted the fact why such laboratory is needed to deal with Risk Group 4 pathogens such as FMD virus of transboundary importance. He also briefed the audience about the Institute's international mandate as FAO Reference Centre for FMD.



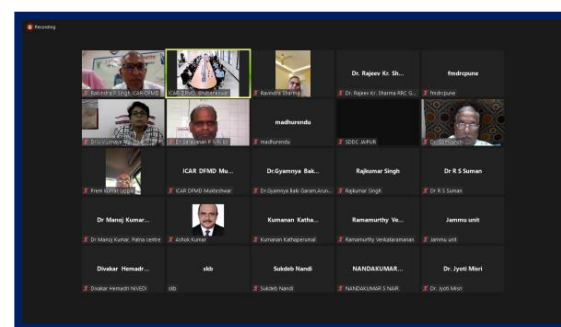
Dr S K Bandyopadhyay, Former Animal Husbandry Commissioner & Member ASRB, Ex. FAO Expert, a renowned virologist delivered the much awaited Foundation Day Lecture on "Prevention and management of transboundary animal diseases (TAD) with specific reference to FMD" on the 13th anniversary of the ICAR-DFMD-ICFMD. The lecture was greeted with a thundering applause by the participants.



Dr B. N. Tripathi, Hon'ble DDG (AS), ICAR, chief guest of the function addressed the gathering with his thought provoking comments and ever inspiring words of wisdom. While appreciating the efforts made by the Institute so far towards control of FMD in the country, he encouraged the scientists to devise novel approaches to tackle this century old menace in a more effective manner.



More than 150 guests and dignitaries participated in this foundation day ceremony, both online and in person. Persons associated for a long period with AICRP on FMD/ PDFMD/ DFMD/ ICFMD shared their experiences and emotion with the audience. Eminent scientists, In-Charge of nearby ICAR Institutes, members of various high level committees of DFMD and former Directors of DFMD such as Dr R Venkataramanan, Dr B. Pattnaik, , Dr R.K. Singh, Dr B. P. Mishra, to cite a few joined the programme.



Dr C. Jana, Pr. Scientist, DFMD, Mukteswar extended sincere thanks to one and all for making the programme memorable before closing the programme.