

## **NIANP, Bengaluru bags prestigious “Sardar Patel Outstanding Institution Award”**

The National Institute of Animal Nutrition and Physiology (NIANP), Bengaluru, a unit of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) under the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has been awarded “**Sardar Patel Outstanding Institution Award**” for the year 2021, during the 94<sup>th</sup> ICAR Foundation Day of ICAR, held at New Delhi on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

At a glittering ceremony held at A.P.Shinde Hall at New Delhi, Dr. Raghavendra Bhatta, Director of ICAR-NIANP received the Award from the Hon’ble Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar. Other dignitaries present on the occasion were Shri Parshottam Rupala, Hon’ble Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Kailash Choudhary, Hon’ble Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Dr Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Ayog, and Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary to Govt. of India (DARE) & Director General, ICAR and other senior officers of ICAR.

The recipient of the Award, Dr. Raghavendra Bhatta, Director, NIANP expressed his happiness over receiving the Award for the second time in a decade. On this occasion, briefly stating about the activities of NIANP, Dr. Bhatta said that the NIANP established in 1995, is one of the premier Animal Science Research Institutes of ICAR. The NIANP is mandated to carry out research on fundamental and basic principles of physiology and nutrition of animals to improve productivity, better nutrient utilization and livestock management of large and small ruminants among other species. Dr. Bhatta further said that the NIANP is collaborating with a number of research organizations at national and international levels. The NIANP with many innovations has been reaching out to the farmers, and field-level officers involved in animal husbandry development programmes. The NIANP has trained a large number of farmers and veterinarians also, who have benefited with knowledge-enhancement in livestock rearing and management. Many of its research outputs and technologies have been commercialized and many entrepreneurs and feed industry have adopted the same. The NIANP, having established state of the art laboratory facilities is in the forefront in animal nutrition and physiology related research in the country, Dr. Bhatta added. The scientists of the Institute have been bestowed with many other prestigious awards for their work in the past.