

Farmers-Scientist Interaction Meet cum Input Distribution under DAPSC Scheme and NICRA project

On May 9, 2025, ICAR-NIANP Bengaluru organized a one-day "Farmers-Scientist Interaction Meet" under the Development Action Plan for Scheduled Castes (DAPSC) and NICRA Projects. This event, held at CR Pallya, Hosur, Tamil Nadu, aimed to benefit Scheduled Caste dairy farmers by providing them with valuable resources and scientific guidance on dairy farming practices. A total of 100 dairy farmers from the Scheduled Caste community were the beneficiaries of the program. The support materials distributed included milk cans, Fertimin Plus, rubber mats, and veterinary first aid medicine kits to all geared toward improving the productivity and welfare of dairy animals.

Dr. Artabandhu Sahoo, Director of ICAR-NIANP, inaugurated the event and delivered an insightful address on the significance of scientific feeding for dairy animals. He emphasized the importance of quality cattle feed at various physiological stages to enhance livestock productivity. Dr. Sahoo also highlighted the role of ICAR-NIANP in advancing livestock nutrition and welfare, while stressing the need for proper farm hygiene, the use of rubber mats, and the promotion of clean milk production practices and "one health mission".

ICAR-NIANP Scientists contributed to the success of the program, including Dr. A. Arangasamy, Dr. C. Devaraj, Dr. SBN Rao, Dr. Ippala Janardhan Reddy, Dr. S. Jash, Dr. T. Chandrappa. They provided valuable insights into the significance of scientific feeding practices, underlining the importance of knowledge transfer in improving dairy farming outcomes. The scientists also emphasized the importance of climate change and its effect on agriculture and livestock sector. This initiative aims to empower dairy farmers with the tools and knowledge they need to increase productivity, improve animal health, and ultimately contribute to sustainable livelihoods.

The program saw active participation from several distinguished scientists and experts. Mr. Kamalakannan, Srinivasan Services Trust, TVS Hosur, played a vital role in coordinating and conducting the event, voicing their appreciation for the collaborative efforts with ICAR-NIANP. Which will have a lasting impact on the dairy farmers in the region.