

## Pashu Arogya Mela 2017 held at Semuapur, East Champaran

( Semuapur, East Champaran, 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2017)

ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna in collaboration with Bihar State Milk Co-operative Federation Ltd.(COMFED) organised “Pashu Arogya Mela 2017” at Village- Semuapur, Kesaria Block in East Champaran district of Bihar during October 28 - 29, 2017.

Hon'ble Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister, Shri Radha Mohan Singh graced the occasion as Chief Guest during inaugural function of the event along with Shri Sachendra Prasad Singh, MLA, Kalyanpur Vidhan Sabha Constituency. Hon'ble Minister emphasized that livestock is the most



important income generating enterprise in Indian agricultural economy and plays a multifaceted role in providing livelihood support of even landless farmers. He also informed that fodder museum is being developed at KVK, Piprakothi for dairy farmers. He also stressed upon the importance of indigenous breeds of cattle, buffalo and goat and their

superiority over exotic breeds in climate change scenarios. Attention should be given upon selection of local breeds of dairy animals who can adapt in adverse climatic condition. He further reiterated that infertility camp for animals shall be organised in every block of the district. He advised the farmers to adopt diversified farming in the sense that farmers need to



think enterprises beyond dairy production. Fisheries, Poultry, Piggery and Goat farming sectors provide good alternative options in social development. He suggested the farmers that they can take assistance from different centrally sponsored schemes including National Gokul Mission.

Earlier, Mrs Sima Tripathi, Managing Director, COMFED welcomed all the dignitaries and the farmers in the meeting and briefed about activities of COMFED. She advocated that value addition of products can significantly improve the income and synthesize employment opportunities.

Dr J.K.Jena, DDG (Animal Sciences), ICAR emphasized the importance of milk and milk products in doubling farmers' income in the state.

At its peak of the event, Yuvraj, the Champion Murrah bull, who had won several awards in many competitions at national level, also participated in the animal fair. The bull had arrived from



Khurushetra, Haryana and was one of the major attractions in the event. The bull, Yuvraj, helped the participating farmers to understand the value of superior bull in dairy production.

Animal health and infertility camp, vaccination and ummunization camp was also organised in which more than 250 livestock including cattle, buffalo, goat and horse were inseminated, vaccinated and treated. Farmers were provided with advisory services on up-keeping of general health status of farm animals. An animal show was also organized. During the event, best animals of different species were conferred award.



On 2nd day, Shri Sachendra Prasad Singh, MLA, Kalyanpur Vidhan Sabha Constituency graced the occasion as Chief Guest in concluding session of the event. Shri Singh, stressed on the role of animal in multifaceted functions of the farmers from food and nutrition to organic fertilizer, compost and natural gas production. He also urged the farmers to improve soil fertility by animal farming.



Altogether, 60 nos. of exhibition stalls related to animal health, production were displayed by, ICAR-NDRI, Karnal, IVRI –Bareilly, ICAR-RCER, Patna, ICAR-CIRG, Makhdoom, ICAR-CIRB, Hisar, DRPCA, Pusa, BASU, Patna, ICAR-CSWRI, Avikanagar, IGFRI, Jhansi, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai, ICAR-Directorate of Poultry Research, Hyderabad, Central Animal Registration Schemes, Rohtak under Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Institute of Animal Health, Baghpat, NDDB, COMFED, Patna, Animal Husbandry Department, Govt. of Bihar, 12 pharmaceuticals and feed manufacturing companies, NGOs and financial institutions etc. Shri G.N. Singh, JS (Adm), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, New Delhi, Dr B.S. Prakash, ADG (AN&P), ICAR, Dr B.P.Bhatt, Director, ICAR-RCER, Patna, Dr R.R.B.. Singh, Director NDRI, Karnal; Dr. Vishal Nath, Director ICAR-NRC on Litchi Muzaffarpur, Dr Indrajit Singh, Director, CIRB, Hisar, Dr Anjani Kumar, Director, ATARI, Patna, state officials, officers from COMFED, scientists from ICAR institutions and SAUs, KVKs participated in the event. Farmers-scientist interactions were also organized during the event where different aspects of livestock and poultry production and management were discussed. More than 6000 farmers attended the mela in view of seeking technical knowledge and to gain practical experience.

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