

XV Annual Review Meeting on Network Project on Buffalo Improvement

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XV Annual Review Meeting on Network Project on Buffalo Improvement was conducted in ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna during July 21-22, 2017 under the Chairmanship of Dr J.K.Jena, Deputy Director General (AS), Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi. Dr Inderjeet Singh, Director, ICAR-CIRB, Hisar and Project Coordinator, welcomed the participants and appraised the brief achievements of the project. Dr B.P. Bhatt, Director, ICAR-RCER, Patna addressed the participants citing the socio-economic changes in the society influenced by different livestock species in general, and buffaloes



in particular. He requested to link between fodder production and buffalo improvement. Dr Rameshwar Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Bihar Animal Sciences University, highlighted the importance of buffaloes and its improvement for the agriculture-dependent state like Bihar. The Deputy Director General (AS), in his inaugural address, emphasized the need to produce tangible results from the project and stressed that the outcome from the projects should directly benefit the farmers across the country. He also asked the scientists to evaluate the generation wise milk yield improvement of buffalo inseminated with elite semen and emphasized the need of establishing the centre of elite buffalo germplasm in different parts of the country.



Dr R.S. Gandhi, Assistant Director General (Animal Production & Breeding) spoke on this occasion.

The principal investigators from farm and field units of Murrah breed centres, and centres of other breeds including Nili-Ravi, Bhadawari, Jaffarabadi, Surti and Pandharpuri breeds and Swamp buffaloes participated in the meeting. The performance of these centres were critically evaluated based on the performance criteria and decisions on continuance were discussed.

Apart from indoor discussions, the participants were also taken into the farm sites, where ICAR Complex, Patna has developed the Murrah farm with free range wallowing facilities.

Finally, general discussion on streamlining the recording system and the future strategies were road-mapped.

The review meeting was concluded with vote of thanks from Dr K.P. Singh, PI of the Lead Centre, ICAR-CIRB, Hisar.