

Welcome Address

By
Chairman, IDA (WZ)

It is a wonderful moment to welcome you all on the occasion of the Inaugural function of 45th Dairy Industry Conference (DIC) in Mumbai. It is the proud privilege of IDA (West Zone) that we have Shri Dilip Rath, Chairman, National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB) as Chief Guest to grace today's function and give away various awards and honours. As we all know the country's dairy sector scenario changed mainly because of the proper planning and implementation of the Operation Flood programme envisioned by NDDDB and architected by Dr. V. Kurien. Shri Dilip Rath Ji heads the same organization and is taking NDDDB to greater heights.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we have another stalwart who is very well known, especially in Maharashtra, as a hero. He is the charismatic leader of a Cooperative and a man who is rooted in the soil. Hailing from a farming family, he is also an excellent sportsman. He is Shri Arun Narke Ji, who is our President-IDA.

Shriman Subhash Chandra Mandge Ji, the Chairman, National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India (NCDFI) is also a hard core milk producer. He hails from Madhya Pradesh, has worked as an officer in Madhya Pradesh Dugdh Mahasangh and is well-versed with the intricacies of the dairy business.

Dr. A.K. Srivastava Ji is the former Director and Vice Chancellor of National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI) and is now a Member, Agriculture Scientist Recruitment Board, New Delhi. All of us know that we have a couple of eminent institutions in the country and they are NDDDB and NDRI. Dr. Srivastava had been ably handling the portfolio of Director and Vice Chancellor of NDRI (Karnal) for the last 8 years. On promotion, he has now taken up assignment at Delhi. Under your guidance, NDRI received a lot of laurels and many hand-guided cloning technologies and several other advances. So it is our privilege and joy to have such a scientist of his caliber. I welcome you once again Sir.

As you know, the dairy movement was started by Dr. Kurien on the principles of cooperative, a three-tier system, which we all know as AMUL. But private



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sector is not way behind. In fact it is ahead of cooperatives in its percentage of growth. This is a matter of introspection and we would like to deliberate upon that. One of the private sectors in Maharashtra is Prabhat Dairy, which had recently gone for IPO and successfully subscribed. We are very happy to have here Shri Sarangdhar Ji Nirmal, CMD of Prabhat Dairy. I welcome you Sir.

My colleague Mr. Rajesh Lele, Secretary General of 45th DIC is also on the dais. I do not know whether I should welcome him or he should welcome me because we have been working together. But as a custom, I welcome Mr. Rajesh.

We have dignitaries from the cooperative and private sectors. To name a few, Mr. R.S. Sodhi, Managing Director, GCMF; Mr. Vipul Choudhary former chairman, AMUL; Mr. P.G. Bhatol, former chairman, AMUL; my CEC colleagues; awardees; Patrons and Fellows.

Gentlemen, I may be failing in my duties, if I do not welcome four important personalities. They are the pioneers of the dairy Industry of the future — the Best



Dairy Woman awardees of this function. I welcome, Smt. Rambilaben Govindbhai Patel from Pentarpura village, Arawali district, Gujarat. She has poured a total of 4,17,532 litres of milk during the year 2015-16 with a daily average of 1,141 kgs of milk. This function is for such stalwarts. There is another lady Smt. Veda Seetaram Hegde from Neeranahalli village, Uttar Kannada district, Karnataka. She has been pouring 230 litres of milk per day. We have another new generation lady Smt. Mamta Choudhary from Tehsil-Chomu, District-Jaipur, Rajasthan. Highly educated, she is an M.A. and B.Ed and is working in a new generation milk cooperative as a milk producer and Director. She has poured 7,252 liters of milk between 1st April, 2016 to 31st December 31, 2016. I welcome you maam. Another lady achiever, Smt. Suman Kumari from East Zone has done M.Sc. in Zoology.

She is Chairman, Women Shrirampur Milk Producers' Cooperative Union Ltd. and Assistant Director Board Member, Vaishal Patliputra Milk Producers' Cooperative Union Ltd., Patna. In 1985, Suman Ji established Women Shrirampur Milk Producers' Cooperative Union Ltd. I welcome these four ladies who are role models of women empowerment of the dairy sector in our country.

I welcome all the dignitaries, the press and media to this Conference and would like to inform that during the 3-days' Conference there would be 3 parallel sessions. We have provided for Simultaneous Interpretation System (SIS) for all the sessions for the benefit of our farmer participants and request you to make use of it.

I once again welcome you all to this 45th Dairy Industry Conference in Mumbai.

