

## **‘Inaugural Program of SCSP Project’ cum Farmers Training on ‘Scientific Livestock Farming’ Organized by SRS of ICAR-NDRI, Bengaluru**

The Inauguration of SCSP Project and distribution of critical inputs to the farmer-beneficiaries under IRC Project entitled ‘Sustainable Livelihood Development of Scheduled Caste Farmers through Livestock based Technological Interventions in Kolar District of Karnataka’ funded by SCSP grants of the institute was organised on 19.3.2021 at Karisandra Village of Masthi, Malur Block of Kolar District, Karnataka State. The programme was inaugurated and presided over by Dr. M. S. Chauhan, Director & Vice Chancellor, ICAR-NDRI, Karnal in the august presence of Chief Guest of the programme Shri. K. Y. Nanje Gowda, M.L.A & President, KOCHIMUL (Kolar Chikkaballapura Milk Union-KMF), Dr. Thippa Reddy, Managing Director, KOCHIMUL, Dr. K. P. Ramesha, Head, SRS of ICAR-NDRI, Bengaluru, other invitees from KMF and Scientists of SRS of ICAR-NDRI. The Programme was well attended by the target beneficiaries (50 SC farmers) along with other farm families. While addressing the gathering, Dr. Chauhan emphasized on overall development of SC community through livestock farming which would fetch additional income and also provide nutritional and economic security. Further, he stressed the need to educate their children. Director, ICAR-NDRI also emphasized the importance of value addition of milk and milk products for augmenting the farmers income. The Chief Guest, Shri. K.Y. Nanje Gowda, appreciated the technological interventions of SRS-NDRI initiated for the overall development of Karisandra village that comprised 92.00 percent SC community and requested the farmers to make use of this opportunity to adopt the modern scientific livestock farming practices for improved cattle productivity and enhanced income. Further, the chief guest also highlighted the role of KMF in supporting the famers in various ways and means, besides milk procurement and assured SRS of ICAR-NDRI for extending all possible support in successful implementation of various activities. Dr. K. P. Ramesha, Head, SRS of ICAR-NDRI, in his introductory remarks, briefed about the various outreach activities of SRS-ICAR-NDRI and importance of this programme in improving the socio-economic status of SC farmers through implementation of various technological interventions, trainings and demonstrations. Dr. Thippa Reddy, M.D, KOCHIMIL also addressed the gathering and urged farmers to actively participate in the various activities. The distribution of various critical inputs to the farmer-beneficiaries was inaugurated by the dignitaries. The inputs distributed to the beneficiaries included, improved fodder crops seeds and stem cuttings, vermi compost, concentrate feed, mineral mixtures, UMMBs, Calf starter, CMT Kits, Milk Cans, Rubberized Cow mats, Chicks for backyard poultry farming and extension literature on improved dairy farming practices. The dignitaries planted tree saplings in the village premises. After the inaugural session, a training programme on ‘Improved Livestock Farming Practices’ was also organized for the benefit of farmer-beneficiaries. The programme was anchored by Dr. Siddaramanna, ACTO (Vety), Welcome address by Dr. M.C.A. Devi, Principal Scientist & Co-PI of the project and Dr. S. Subash, Scientist & Principal Investigator of the project proposed vote of thanks with due acknowledgement to the Director, ICAR-NDRI, Karnal for sanctioning the SCSP funds under project mode and Head of the Station and other KMF officials for proving the necessary support for successful conduct of the programme. The Programme concluded with distribution of the critical inputs to the fifty farmer-beneficiaries.

## Glimpses of the Programme

