Commercial Dairy Farming: MOOC Launched Jointly by ICAR-NDRI and ICAR-NAARM

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In one of its first-of-its-kind initiatives, ICAR-NDRI and ICAR-NAARM partner together in developing digital content for offering MOOC on Commercial Dairy Farming, which was formally launched by Dr. B.N. Tripathi, DDG (Animal Science) and Dr. R.C. Agrawal, National Director, NAHEP and DDG (Education) on 14 August 2020 through virtual launch programme cohosted by NDRI and NAARM.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. B.N. Tripathi stressed the importance of such programmes to reach wider audience in the Dairy sector for generating employability. Dr. R.C. Agrawal appreciated the joint efforts of two ICAR institutes in complementing each other with domain knowledge and technology for developing MOOC content and highlighted its relevance in the wake of New Education Policy.

Dr. M.S. Chauhan, Director, NDRI remarked that this can be a great beginning for new means of knowledge sharing. Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, NAARM highlighted the importance of Dairy science education and the role of NAARM in promoting digital learning in NARES through its continued efforts in Technology Enhanced Learning. Dr. R.R.B. Singh, Joint Director (Academics) explained the importance of this programme and how it evolved under NAHEP. Dr SK Soam, Joint Director, NAARM shard the process adopted by NAARM to succeed in developing MOOC programmes for providing flexi learning and emphasized the importance of such inter-institutional partnerships.

Dr. S.K. Tomar, PI of the NAHEP project on “Incentivizing Dairy Education through Innovative Learning Approaches” briefed the dignitaries with the importance of the MOOCs as a part of the NAHEP project initiated by NDRI. A teaser video of MOOC on Commercial Dairy Farming was displayed on the occasion.