

**One day workshop on “Indian livestock farming and use of biotechnology- MILAN 2018
organised at SDAU, Sardarkrushinagar on 28.6.2018**

A one day workshop on “Indian livestock farming and use of biotechnology- MILAN 2018” was organized by Department of Animal Biotechnology and Veterinary Microbiology in collaboration with National Institute of Animal Biotechnology, Hyderabad at V.R Mehta auditorium of Sardarkrushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University, Sardarkrushinagar. A total of 200 participants including farmers, university teachers, scientists, students and veterinarians from co-operative dairies and state Animal Husbandry Department participated in this meet.

At the outset, Dr. D. V. Joshi, Dean, Veterinary faculty welcomed all the dignitaries on dais. In the presidential address, the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor of SDAU, Prof. (Dr.) A.A. Patel appraised that milk production of Kankrej cows in this area reached upto 6300 liters per lactation. He advised the farmers to adopt and exploit the production potential of indigenous cows like Kankrej. He also urged farmers to visit Livestock Research Station to learn scientific husbandry practices to get good milk production. Dr. Falguni Thakar, Additional Director of A. H. praised this interaction of scientist and farmers and applauds the milk procurements of Banas Dairy. Dr. H.N. Kher former Registrar and Director HRD, SDAU shared problems of Artificial Insemination in Gujarat. Dr. B.S. Chandel organizing secretary of this meet proposed vote of thanks

Two technical sessions were held on animal production and animal diseases. Dr. Veersingh, Professor and Head, Department of Veterinary Parasitology, Dr. S. Gokhle consultant NIAB and Dr. S.K. Mohapatra acted as session’s Chairman, Co-chairman and Rapporteur, respectively. In first session, Dr. A.P. Chaudhary, Professor (LPM) presented the statistical figures on animal population and production in India with special emphasis on context to Gujarat and on enhancement of farmer’s income. In the second lecture by Dr. A.C. Patel, Assistant Professor, Microbiology enlightened the house about latest development in biotechnology for betterment of animal production and health. Two experts from NIAB get feedback on animal health, nutrition, management and breeding practices directly from the farmers and filed veterinarians with a questionnaire. In second session on Animal Health, Dr. H. N. Kher explained the epidemiology of important livestock and poultry diseases prevalent in India with special reference to Gujarat. Dr. H. H. Panchasara, Research Scientist, LRS appraised farmers about the Kankrej Cow of Banaskantha. The farmers from different districts viz., Banaskantha, Sabarkantha, Mehsana, Patan, Dahod, Narmada put their problems related to animal husbandry before house and got information at their satisfaction. Some of the farmers put forth their experiences about traditional managemental practices and ethno veterinary treatments. At the end, Dr. H.C. Chauhan, Professor & Head (Microbiology) thanked university authorities and all the key persons involved in organization of this event.

