

Brazilian Delegation Visits to ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Cattle, Meerut on 18th October 2024

In an important step towards boosting collaboration in cattle research, a Brazilian delegation visited the ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Cattle in Meerut. The visit aimed to exchange scientific advancements in cattle research and development with the goal of benefiting the livestock industries of both India and Brazil.

At the outset, Dr. A.K. Mohanty, Director, ICAR-CIRC, gave a detailed presentation on the institute's activities, highlighting past achievements, current projects and future goals in cattle research. Following the presentation, Mr Natalino Avance de Souza, Secretary of Agriculture for the State of Paraná, Brazil, spoke about the Brazilian system for cattle husbandry and shared the key purposes of the delegation's visit. Mr Richard Golba, President of the Institute of Rural Development (IDR) of Paraná, discussed strengthening rural development networks in Brazil. Ms Sandra Moya, the chief of state office presented the overall economy of state of Paraana and contribution of Agriculture and talked about Brazil's model for social, economic, and environmental development through science, technology and innovation. Ms Nascimento representing the Araucaria foundation urged the scientists to join the global network and also requested to submit proposal on that portal. Mr Jorge Edison Ribeiro, Senior Manager at Araucaria Foundation worked as interpreter. The areas that were identified for research collaboration were namely genomic selection, metagenomics, assisted reproductive technology, precision dairy farming and climate resilient cattle production.

The Brazilian delegation visited ICAR-CIRC's laboratories, Male Germplasm Unit and Experimental Dairy Farm and discussed various research and practical aspects of cattle development. The visit ended with a productive discussion between the ICAR-CIRC team of scientists and the Brazilian delegates to identify potential areas of research collaboration. Dr. Rajiv R Kumar, PS coordinated the visit along with Dr. Sushil Kumar, Head, CGB, Dr. Suresh Kumar DS, Head, CPR, and Dr. Avishek Biswas, Head, CNM, sharing their views on collaborative opportunities. The day concluded with a visit to a progressive dairy farm in Modinagar followed by a formal send-off for the delegation.