

ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Cattle, Meerut

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Inauguration of Selfie Point and Interaction Session on Way Forward for ICAR-CIRC in 21st Century

Keeping in mind the resolution of Viksit Bharat @ 2047, a special Selfie Point has been established at the ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Cattle (ICAR-CIRC), Meerut. The main attraction of the selfie point is the Tharparkar cow and calf along with a women milking the cow. It aims to raise awareness of Indigenous cows' beauty and significance in Indian life. It is perfect example of Jai Jawan Jai Kisan Jai Vigyan and Jai Anusandhan as it stands in the cantonment area right after a research Institute.



Dr. Shiv Prasad Kimothi, Member of the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB), inaugurated the selfie point. After the inauguration, Dr. Kimothi graciously shared words of encouragement with the institute's staff. Emphasizing the virtues of sincerity and teamwork, he urged the staff to align their efforts with the director's vision, aiming to propel CIRC to greater heights.



Dr Kimothi also visited different laboratories and explored various facilities of the institute. There was an interactive session between him and CIRC scientists on way forward for ICAR-CIRC in twenty-first century. He called to focus on research and stressed on the importance of short-term, medium-term, and long-term R&D goals. Advocating for a multidisciplinary approach, Dr. Kimothi underscored the significance of fostering collaborations between industry and academia. He emphasized the need for research activities to align with future industry demands, setting benchmarks and delivering tangible outcomes. He also proposed enhanced linkages with farmers, KVKs, and the establishment of more FPOs.

Dr. Kimothi outlined ambitious initiatives like the Net Zero concept and targeting the housing of at least 1500 cows in the new Babugarh campus.

Earlier Dr. A.K. Mohanty, in his welcoming address, provided valuable insights into CIRC's ongoing activities and future strategies. The discussions further delved into the master plan of Babugarh, with Dr. AS Sirohi providing detailed briefings to the attendees. Dr. Sushil Kumar, Head of CGB, extended a heartfelt vote of thanks, while Dr. Megha Pande anchored the event, with Dr. Naresh Prasad ensuring seamless coordination.



Dr. Kimothi's visit also included an insightful tour of the new Babugarh campus, focusing on establishing a model cattle institute integrating precision livestock rearing and advanced animal-rearing technologies. The visit concluded on a note of optimism, symbolizing the institute's commitment to innovation and excellence in the realm of cattle research and development.