

## NEWS

### ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Cattle, Meerut

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#### QRT visits ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Cattle, Meerut

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research had constituted a Quinquennial Review Team (QRT) to review the progress of the research work of ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Cattle, Meerut, for the period April 2017 to March 2022 and to make suggestions for strengthening the research programme. In this regard, the first two-day meeting, chaired by Dr. C. Balachandran, former Vice Chancellor of TANUVAS, was held at ICAR-CIRC in Meerut on May 30-31, 2023. The other members of the QRT who attended the meeting were Prof. B. K. Joshi, Former Director, ICAR-NBAGR, Karnal, Dr. B. S. Prakash, Former Assistant Director General (ANP), ICAR, New Delhi, Dr. A. Anand Kumar, Professor and Head, Department of Veterinary Pathology, College of Veterinary Science, SVVU, Tirupathi, Dr. P.S. Brithal, Director, NIAP, New Delhi, and Dr. Sushil Kumar, Principal Scientist and I/C PME, ICAR-CIRC as Member Secretary.

At the beginning of the event, the QRT chairman highlighted the importance of cattle breeds in the country and the need for sustainable development to achieve self-reliance of farmers. He also shared his experience on the scientific analysis of the various components of cattle breeding. He pointed out the various problems and challenges in cattle farming and emphasized the need to work on new challenges that need to be linked to national priorities, such as development and conservation of indigenous breeds, natural farming, disease management through ethano-veterinary practices, precision techniques for oestrus management, application of ARTs, etc.

In his address, Dr. Umesh Singh, Director of ICAR-CIRC, briefed the QRT Chairman and members on the progress made in developing the Institute's infrastructure, key action areas in research and capacity building, and ongoing research activities. He also pointed out the significant contributions of the Institute in terms of patents, copyrights, software development, publications, extension activities for farmers, etc. He also informed the house about the future plans and programmes of the Institute.

Dr. Sushil Kumar, Member Secretary, QRT, briefed the House in detail about the action taken report of the last QRT. The project reports, research achievements and highlights of the

institute were presented by the respective heads of the divisions. The QRT also visited the laboratories and animal house of the Institute.

The meeting ended after a thorough review. The QRT made several recommendations to improve the quality of overall research on cattle. All the members of QRT appreciated the efforts of institute's achievements and exhorted everyone to do better work. The team urged upon in-depth scientific analysis of different components of cattle farming. All of the scientists of the institute attended the meeting.

