

24th Workshop of AICRP on Mechanization of Animal Husbandry (MAH) Organized at MPUAT, Udaipur

XXIV Annual Workshop of the All India Coordinated Research Project on Mechanization of Animal Husbandry (MAH) was organised at Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, Udaipur, Rajasthan from January 28-29, 2025. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr A K Karnatak was the Chief Guest during Inaugural Session on January 28.01.2025. Hon'ble DDG (Agricultural Engineering) Dr S N Jha was Chairman and Dr K P Singh Assistant Director General (Farm Engineering) & Dr C R Mehta Director ICAR-CIAE Bhopal were Co-Chairmen of the Inaugural session. Dr. Abhijit Mitra, Animal Husbandry Commissioner, GoI and Chairman of the Animal Welfare Board of India, and Dr A K Tyagi ADG (ANP) ICAR were Guest of Honour. Dr R Verma Director of Research welcomed the Chief guest, guest of honour, Chairman, Co-chairmen, experts and all the participants. Dr S P Singh, Project Coordinator (MAH) presented the PC Report of 2024-25. Dr C R Mehta, Director ICAR-CIAE Bhopal thanked the Hon'ble Vice chancellor for holding the workshop. He suggested having study on mechanization level in animal husbandry sector in the country to find the research gap and quantification of level of mechanization in different operations. Dr. K P Singh ADG (FE) ICAR spoke on the potential of mechanization in animal husbandry sector. Dr. Abhijit Mitra, Animal Husbandry Commissioner, GoI proposed to have a role model for mechanization of animal husbandry in the country. He also pointed out the role of farm women in the animal husbandry sector. Dr A K Tyagi ADG (ANP) ICAR also felt the need of mechanization in animal husbandry sector for small and marginal farmers having up to 10 dairy animals. Dr S N Jha Hon'ble DDG (Agricultural Engineering) ICAR highlighted the need of mechanization in animal husbandry sector and stressed the need to work for all the fields of agriculture. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. A K Karnatak highlighted the need of machinery for feed & fodder, animal waste disposal, housing etc for small farmers. Research Highlights 2024-25 and some leaflets/ bulletin of cooperating centres were released in the Inaugural session. Dr S S Meena Head FMP Department CTAE MPUAT Udaipur presented vote of thanks.



After Inaugural Session, press briefing was done where thirty five persons of different print and electronic media participated and they raised many questions related to mechanization. The questions of media were suitably replied by the HVC MPUAT, Dy Director General (AE), Director-ICAR-CIAE. A session was on manufacturer's issues and their products. DDG (AE) suggested the manufacturers to work closely with R&D/SAUs for quality products.

Technical session started under the chairmanship of Deputy Director General (Agricultural Engineering). ADG (FE) & Director ICAR-CIAE Bhopal were the co-chairmen. Dr Ashok Kumar former ADG (ANP) ICAR and Dr G C Tewari were the experts. PIs of cooperating centres of ICAR-NDRI Karnal, ICAR-CIAE Bhopal, IGKV Raipur, UAS Raichur, CAU-CAEPHT Gangtok, MPUAT Udaipur, OUAT Bhubaneswar, VNMKV Parbhani and GBPUAT Pantnagar presented the new research project proposals for the year 2025 onwards

Former Project Coordinator Dr M Din also participated during the workshop. During second day (29.01.2025), technical session started under the chairmanship of ADG (FE) and Co-chairmanship of Director ICAR-CIAE Bhopal. Experts were also provided critical inputs on the progress of work of each centre. Progress of research project was presented by the respective PIs/Scientists of cooperating centres. RPP-III was also presented by cooperating centres.

Business Session was chaired by DDG (AE). ADG (FE) and Director ICAR-CIAE were the co-chairmen. Centres raised some points related to financial and administrative. All the points

were clarified. Hon'ble Dy Director General (Agricultural Engineering) Dr S N Jha suggested increasing the number of cooperating centres/ voluntary centres from available resources of AICRP on MAH in coming SFC so that mechanization issues in animal husbandry sector can be addressed. Dr S P Singh presented vote of thanks to Chief Guest, Guest of Honour, Chairman, Co-chairmen, Experts, MPUAT, press & media, manufacturer and all participants.

