

IDA (WZ) and BAIF Development Research Foundation Organizes a Training Programme

The Indian Dairy Association, in association with BAIF Development Research Foundation, successfully conducted a three-day intensive training programme on **"Sustainable and Smart Dairying for Improved Performance and Profitability"** at BAIF's Uruli Kanchan Training Centre, Pune, during 5th to 7th May, 2026.



The programme brought together 26 progressive dairy professionals representing leading dairy organizations, including Schreiber Foods, Jalgaon District Milk Union, Kolhapur Milk Union, Parag Milk Foods Ltd., Valsad Union, Katraj Dairy, and four units of Amul.

The inaugural session was graced by Shri Madhav Patgaonkar, Secretary, IDA West Zone; Ms. Richie Agarwal, Member, IDA West Zone; Dr. Jayant Khadse, Vice President, BAIF; Dr. Sachin Joshi; and Dr. Lata Sharma. The dignitaries emphasized the growing importance of technology-driven, sustainable, and farmer-centric dairy development in India.

The training programme was designed to equip participants with practical knowledge, advanced dairy management practices, and exposure to innovative technologies aimed at improving productivity, profitability, and sustainability in dairy farming. Conducted entirely in Hindi, the sessions covered a wide range of topics, including breed improvement, crossbreeding, reproductive management, artificial



insemination using conventional and sex-sorted semen, balanced feeding, housing management, clean milk production, disease prevention, ethno-veterinary practices, fodder management, manure utilization, value addition, and the role of AI and digital technologies in precision dairying. Sustainability-related themes such as climate resilience, methane reduction, and resource efficiency were also discussed extensively.

A major highlight of the training was the extensive field exposure and hands-on learning experience provided at various sections of the BAIF Training Centre. Participants visited different demonstration

units and facilities where they witnessed the practical implementation of the concepts covered during the classroom sessions. This exposure enabled participants to closely observe best practices in animal management, fodder cultivation, dung utilization, and reproductive technologies, thereby bridging the gap between theoretical learning and real-world application. The visit to BAIF's sex-sorted semen facility provided valuable insights into modern breeding technologies and their role in accelerating genetic improvement and herd productivity.

The programme also served as an effective platform for knowledge exchange, industry interaction, and collaborative learning among dairy professionals from different regions and organizations. Participants appreciated the practical orientation of the training and the opportunity to interact with experts and fellow professionals working across diverse dairy ecosystems.

The training concluded successfully, with participants gaining actionable insights and practical strategies to develop more efficient, sustainable, and future-ready dairy operations capable of enhancing farmer livelihoods and strengthening the dairy sector.

