

National Milk Day Celebrations at IDA (West Zone)

IDA (WZ) celebrated the National Milk day on 26th November 2024 at its zonal office in Mumbai. ZEC members and MDs/Officers of various Dairies in and around Mumbai gathered together to pay a tribute to Dr. Kurien on his 103rd birthday.



The Secretary, Shri Madhav Patgaonkar welcomed all the invited guests. While, the Vice Chairman Dr. J.V. Parekh welcomed the President-IDA Dr. R.S. Sodhi with a floral bouquet, the Treasurer of IDA (WZ) Shri Anil Hatekar welcomed the Vice President-IDA, Shri Arun Patil with a floral bouquet.

Dr. R.S. Sodhi lit the lamp which was followed by offering a floral tribute to Dr. Kurien by all guests. Shri Patgaonkar invited members to share their experiences about Dr. Kurien and his work.

Dr. R.S. Sodhi spoke about the legacy left behind by Dr. Kurien which is transforming lives and which is inspiring generations to work in the direction of innovation with dedication and compassion. He mentioned that Dr. Kurien was a visionary with leadership qualities which, even today, inspires discipline and professionalism in the Dairy industry.



Shri Arun Patil mentioned that we need to carry forward the passion and mission of Dr. Kurien who was like a magician. He recollected his memories with Dr. Kurien and concluded that we need to dream big to

fulfill Dr. Kurien's dream. He also mentioned that the IDA (WZ) had proposed and resolved in the ZEC in 2013 that India should celebrate National Milk Day on the birthday of Dr. Kurien which was approved by CEC in 41st DIC in 2013 at Mumbai. As Shri Arun Patil had worked under Dr. Kurien, he shared details of his work experience as well.

Dr. J.V. Parekh too shared his experiences with Dr. Kurien, addressing him as a man for the farmers. He said that Dr. Kurien should be honoured with Bharat Ratna and that we need to push for the same.

Shri Anil Hatekar shared his experiences on two occasions when he had the good fortune to closely interact with Dr. Kurien and how it is a fond memory for him. He especially mentioned the humility with which Dr. Kurien interacted with everyone irrespective of their position in an organization.

The other esteemed invited guests too shared their experiences of how they have been inspired by Dr. Kurien to work diligently in promoting the Dairy industry. The program was concluded with a vote of thanks by Shri Shyju Sidharthan, Vice Chairman, IDA (WZ) followed by lunch.