

# 45<sup>th</sup> Dairy Industry Conference

## — A Report

With the successful conclusion of **45<sup>th</sup> Dairy Industry Conference (DIC)**, we present a brief overview of the Industry's Mega Event of the year. The DIC was held from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at Hall No. 2, Bombay Convention and Exhibition Centre, Goregaon (East), Mumbai. IIDE 2017, the Exhibition of milk processing equipment & services was also held at Hall No. 5 at the same venue. With global environmental patterns in a flux, the theme of the conference was topical and apt – “Climate Change and Dairying”. It evinced a lot of interest not just amongst dairy specialists but also in milk producers gathered in large numbers from across the country.

Attended by over 1350 delegates from India and abroad, the confluence brought together participants from different streams of dairying, agriculture, food processing and allied industries. IIDE 2017, organized by Koelnmesse YA Tradefair Pvt. Ltd. and IDA (WZ) had 200 exhibitors from 15 nations. The exhibition drew a record number of business visitors seeking technological solutions for their processing needs and challenges.

The conference started with the invocation and welcome by Shri Arun Patil, Chairman, IDA (WZ). 45<sup>th</sup> DIC was inaugurated by Shri Dilip Rath, Chairman, National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB). Shri Arun Narke, President, IDA gave the Presidential address. Shri Subhash Chandra Mandge, Chairman, NCDFI, Shri Sarangdhar Nirmal, Chairman and Managing Director, Prabhat Dairy Ltd., Dr. A.K. Srivastava, Former Director & Vice Chancellor, NDRI also addressed the participants. Vote of thanks was given by Shri Rajesh Lele, Secretary General.

The Chief Guest Shri Dilip Rath released the Souvenir and conferred the Patronship and Fellowship of IDA on the recipients.

The distinguished dairymen who have offered yeoman service to Indian Dairy Industry were honoured with IDA's **Patronship** and **Fellowship**.

Shri Animesh Banerjee, former President, IDA; Shri R.S. Sodhi, Managing Director, GCMMF; and Dr. A.K. Srivastava, Former Director & Vice Chancellor, NDRI and Member, Agriculture Scientist Recruitment Board, New Delhi received Patronships. The IDA Fellowships were conferred on 11 eminent dairymen in recognition of their outstanding contributions to Indian dairying and IDA.

They are: Dr. B.M. Mahajan, former Managing Director, Milkfed Punjab; Dr. Sumit Arora, Principal Scientist, ICAR-NDRI, Karnal; Dr. D.N. Gandhi, Principal Scientist at ICAR-NDRI, Karnal; Dr. B.V. Venkateshaiah, Dean, Dairy Science College Bengaluru; Shri C.P. Charles, Senior President – Operations in the Dairy Division of ABT Industries Ltd. and Chairman, IDA(SZ); Shri Harish Kumar Gupta, former Managing Director of Tetra Pak (I) Ltd. and Secretary of IDA Gujarat State Chapter; Dr. A.K. Singh, Principal Scientist, ICAR-NDRI, Karnal; Shri M.V. Patgaonkar, General Manager (Sales), Prabhat Dairy Ltd., and Treasurer, IDA (West Zone); Shri K Shyju Sidharthan, Director, Micron Industries Pvt. Ltd. and Secretary, IDA (West Zone); Dr. Rajendra Kokane, Former Professor Bombay Veterinary College, Mumbai and Vice Chairman of IDA (WZ) and Prof. A.K. Bandyopadhyay, former, Vice-Chancellor, West Bengal University of Animal and Fishery Sciences, Kolkata.

IDA recognizes the contribution of rural women milk producers engaged in rearing animals and whose work is creating new role models for others. Women milk producers who through their exemplary efforts and innovative practices in dairying have brought about a turnaround in their societies were felicitated at DIC. The recipients of **Dairy Woman of the Year Awards** were Smt. Ramilaben Govindbhai Patel, West Zone; Smt. Suman Kumari, East Zone; Smt. Mamta Choudhary, North Zone; and Smt. Veda Seetaram Hegde, South Zone.

DeLaval, KK Cans, Goma Engineering and Samarpan Fabricators were felicitated by IDA (WZ) for their pioneering work in the milk processing equipment. The Chairman and Secretary General of 44<sup>th</sup> DIC, Karnal, held during 17-19 February 2016, Dr. A.K. Srivastava and Dr. A.K. Sharma, were felicitated for the successful organization of the conference. The felicitation of the organizers of the previous conference has started for the first time by IDA.

In true IDA tradition, the conference began with the Farmers' session. Two Farmers' sessions were held. For the convenience of our rural milk producer participants Simultaneous Interpretation System (SIS) was installed. The deliberations in English were translated in Hindi, simultaneously, and the delegates could hear it

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through headsets.

The first Farmers' session was chaired by Shri Parthibhai G. Bhatol while the second Farmers' session was chaired by Shri Subhash Chandra Mandge.

An evening full of fun and laughter — *The Hasya Kavi Sammelan* – marked the culmination of Day 1 of the Conference.

There were 13 Technical Sessions on Day 2 and Day 3 of the conference. Parallel Industrial presentations were also held on both days. The most thought provoking lecture on “Demonetization and its Impact”, by Shri Anil Bokil, Founder, Arthakranti Pratishtan was delivered under Dr. Kurien Oration Lecture.

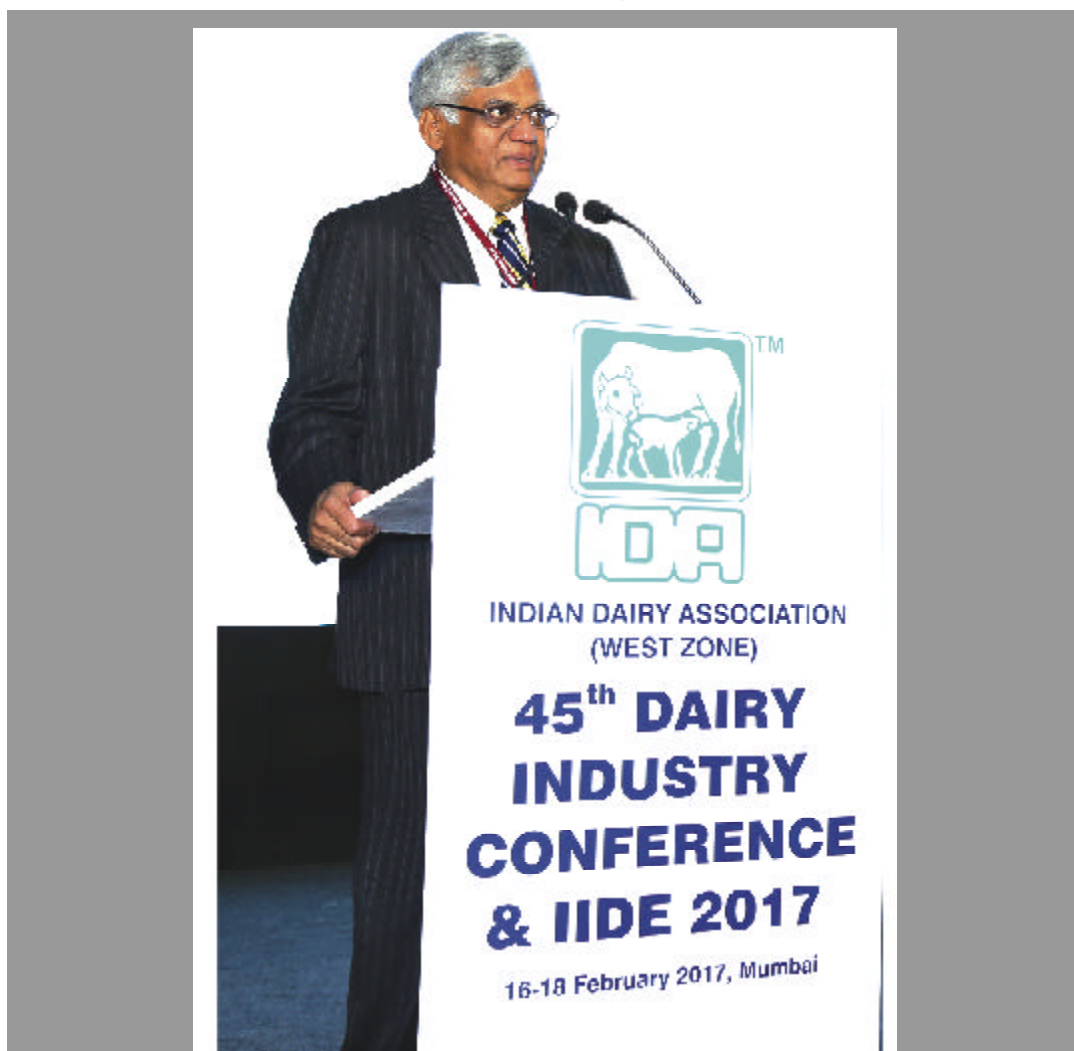
The Plenary session brought the conference to its formal conclusion attracting dairy stakeholders in large numbers. Shri Arun Patil, Chairman, IDA (WZ) welcomed the dignitaries on the dais. Shri A.T. Nana Patil, Member of Parliament and owner of dairy plant chaired the session. Shri Arun Narke, President, IDA

was the Co-Chairman. The recommendations of the 45<sup>th</sup> DIC were read out by Dr. Satish Kulkarni, Vice President, IDA. Shri R.S. Sodhi, Managing Director, GCMMF; Shri Rakesh Chopra, General Manager (Electronics, Vigilance), REIL and Prof. A.K. Misra, Vice Chancellor, Maharashtra Animal & Fishery Sciences University presented the demands of their respective sectors.

Dr. G.S. Rajorhia, Vice President, IDA in his vote of thanks highlighted the team work of the organizers, IDA (WZ), in successfully organizing a Conference of this magnitude. He also thanked the supporters, exhibitors, delegates, students and others for their enthusiastic participation in the 45<sup>th</sup> DIC.

45<sup>th</sup> DIC has showcased the best of presentations, deliberations, dissemination and recommendations in the realm of Indian dairying.

**The detailed reportage of the Conference Proceedings would follow in the April issue of *Indian Dairymen*.**









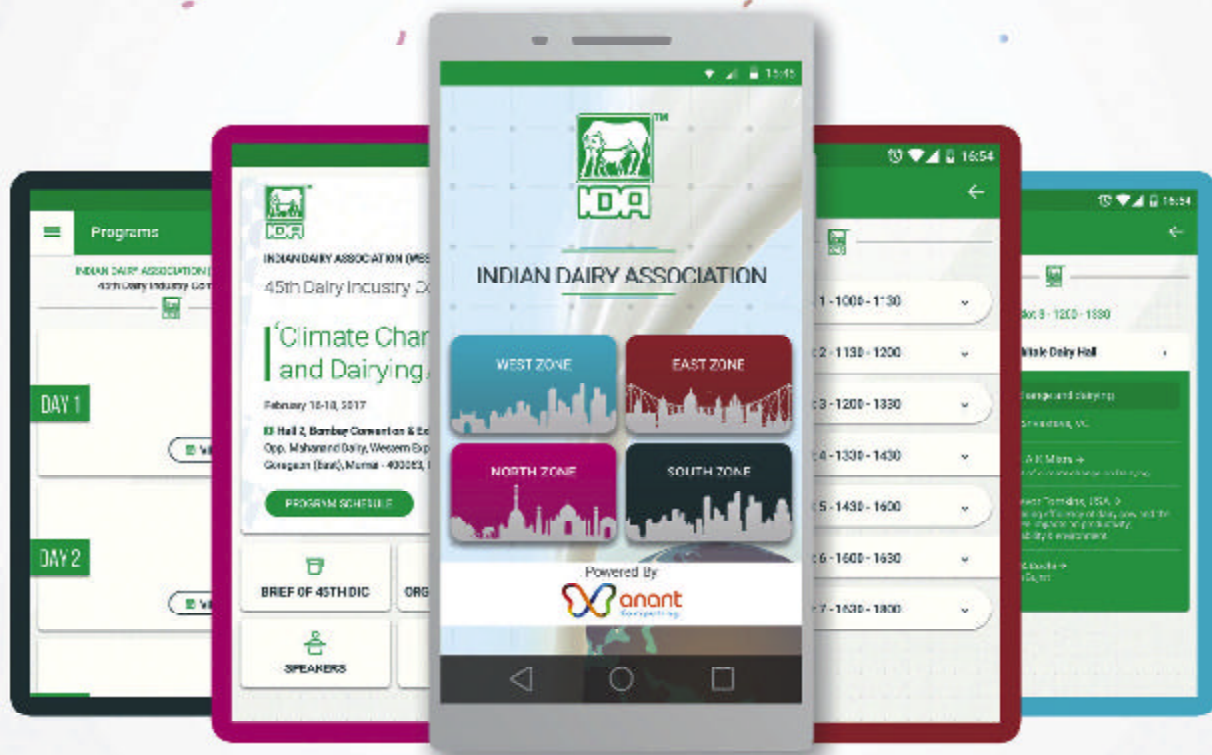
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