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### **NDRI Hosts Seminar on Globalizing the Indian Dairy Industry**

The NDRI Graduates Alumni Association (NGAA), in collaboration with ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI), recently organized the 12th National Seminar on “Globalisation of Indian Dairy Industry”.

The event, held on September 21 at the Dr D Sundaresan Auditorium, NDRI, brought together over 400 delegates to discuss key challenges in dairy production, processing, and marketing.

Padma Bhushan Awardee Dr RS Paroda, Chairman of the Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS) in New Delhi,



was the Chief Guest. Other key speakers included Dr HS Oberoi, Director of the National Institute of Food Technology and Entrepreneurship Management, and Dr C Anandharamakrishnan, Director of CSIR-National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology. The seminar focused on the importance of innovation and digitalization in the dairy sector, highlighted the need for improved quality, product diversification, and market expansion. They discussed how to overcome challenges related to production, processing, and market access, emphasizing that innovation is crucial for reaching a global market valued at \$50-55 billion.

In his welcome address, Dr Dheer Singh, Director and Vice-Chancellor of ICAR-NDRI, highlighted NDRI's pioneering contributions to the dairy sector. As part of the seminar, a national-level research and business idea contest for students, 'Milkathon 2025', was also organized. Team NDRI won the first prize, with the consolation prize going to CDFST Raipur.

The event also featured an awards ceremony: (i) The Lifetime Achievement Award was conferred upon Dr AK Agarwal by the NGAA; and (ii) Dr PN Raju, Senior Scientist at the Dairy Technology Division, ICAR-NDRI, Karnal, was honored with the Best Teacher Award by the NGAA.



