Bihar Animal Sciences University Celebrated first Foundation Day

Bihar Animal Sciences University Celebrated its first foundation day on 29th August, 2018. The function was inaugurated by Chief Guest Sri Nitish Kumar, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Bihar and other dignitaries.

The foundation day function was organized at Adhiweshan Bhawan, Old Secretariat, Patna. At the onset, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, Bihar Animal Sciences University Dr. Rameshwar Singh welcomed all the dignitaries. In his presentation of report, he highlighted the significant achievements of the University during last one year. He said that within short duration of one year University has setup several milestones. MoU with several reputed organizations, establishment of Fisheries College at Kishanganj, various posts for Fisheries college was Created and Sanctioned by Bihar government, peaceful removal of encroachment from the premises of University, e-governance, proposal sent to building construction department for new campus for University, Animal Health Camp, Dog Show, Farmers Helpline, Training Programmes for farmers as well as Veterinary Officers, Murgi Gram Yojna, organization of several Seminars and Workshops etc. are the significant achievements. At the end he demanded Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) for extending the extension activities of the University.

Secretary Animal & Fisheries Resources, Dr. N. Vijyalakshmi in his deliberations said that the infrastructure of Kishanganj Fisheries College is one of the best in the India. She said A.H. department will support University in all aspect. She emphasized the need of Breed improvement of the dairy cattle of the state with cooperation of University. She appreciated the Extension activities of the University and suggested to bring proposal for Distance Education, department will help in this regard.

Foundation day speech was presented by Chairman, ASRB, Dr. A. K. Shrivastava. In his presentation he elaborated the current scenario of Dairy sector in the state and suggested several important tips for improvement of Dairy sector in Bihar. Hon’ble Minister, Animal & Fisheries Resources, Sri Pashupati Kumar Paras in his speech congratulated the University for his First Foundation Day Celebrations and said Animal Husbandry sector is source of livelihood for both poor and rich people of Bihar. He informed that, department has sanctioned Rs. 28 Crore in plan head for the current financial year for the University.

Hon’ble Dy. Chief Minister, Sri Sushil Kumar Modi admired the campus of University and said livestock sector is the major contributor of almost all the developed countries. He said Bihar would be self-sufficient in Egg and Fish production through scientific interventions. He emphasized the need of modern way of identification mark for the animals and said it should be in the form of micro chip in place of tags and it may be treated as ADHAR for animals.

Hon’ble Chief Minister released the University Logo, Seal, Annual Report, Souvenir, Vision- 2030. He launched the website of Bihar Animal Sciences University and inaugurated the newly constituted College of Fisheries, Kishanganj one of the constituent body of Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna via remote. Eminent scientists who contributed significantly in the livestock sector and paved the way for constitution of Bihar Animal Sciences University were felicitated by the Hon’ble Chief Minister. Dr. A. Ahmad, Dr. H. R. Mishra, Dr. RRB Singh were felicitated on this occasion. Five selected livestock farmers who were trained by Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna and become good entrepreneur were also felicitated by Hon’ble Chief Minister.

Hon’ble Chief Minister Bihar, Sri Nitish Kumar, Congratulated all the Bihar Animal Sciences University family on the occasion of first Foundation Day Ceremony. He revealed that animal husbandry sector is contributing more than one third of total output from Agriculture Sector in the State Gross Domestic Product. Animal Husbandry sector has lot of scope for further income generation for the people of Bihar. He further said that in case of disaster, livestock sector supports the farmers for their livelihood. He said Bihar Government has ambitious goal for putting at least one Bihari dish in the plate of all Indians and this cannot be achieved without support from Animal Husbandry sector. He mentioned the demand of Vice-Chancellor, BASU for Krishi Vigyan Kendra and Suggested for Pashu Vigyan Kendra instead of KVK. He said University should bring proposal and Government would support him. He further said that Bihar is performing well in dairy sector even before setup of Dairy Federations. He mentioned about Bihar Animal Breeding Policy- 2011 and said a semen bank of high quality bull is being constituted at Purnea. Deshi and Jersey are the good performer in the agro-climatic conditions of the state, he added. He further said that University should establish a high standard Veterinary Hospital where Indoor and Outdoor facility should be available. He said with the constitution of Bihar Animal Sciences University, state animal husbandry department, Bihar Veterinary College and Sanjay Gandhi Institute of Dairy Technology is now under one umbrella and it is good platform for breed improvement of the animals of state. He emphasized the need of organic farming and said cattle are useful in all aspect apart from milk, its dung and urine will be good source of income in future. At last he expected that Bihar Animal Sciences University would be instrumental in the successful animal husbandry development of the state.

Vote of thanks was given by Registrar, Bihar Animal Sciences University, Dr. Pradeep Kumar Kapoor. He thanked Hon’ble Chief Minister, Bihar, Dy. Chief Minister, Bihar, AHD Minister, Secretary, Deptt. of Animal & Fishery Resources, Chairman, ASRB and other dignitaries for being the part of foundation day celebration of Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna. The inaugural function was ended with National Anthem.

The inaugural function was followed by National Seminar on **“Challenges in Higher Education in Animal Sciences”**. In this seminar presentations were given by Dr. Ravindra Kumar, Director Research, BASU, Dr. Suresh S. Hannappagol, Animal Husbandry Commissioner, Govt. of India, Dr. Dilip Kumar, Advisor to Vice-Chancellor, BASU, Dr. RRB Singh, Director, NDRI Karnal, Dr. Vishnu Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, RAJUVAS. Presidential remarks were given by Dr. Rameshwar Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna.