

## AAU and IRMA signs a MoU for starting a new Academic Program

SMC College of Dairy Science is a pioneer institution for imparting dairy education in the country since 1961 and is providing trained human resource for the dairy industry. Institute of Rural Management was founded in 1979 in the land of the then GAU by Dr V. Kurien to produce managers who can work in rural areas mainly for dairy and agriculture related activities for socio-economic development.



The dairy sector of the country is growing rapidly and in order to support this growth, trained professionals are needed at both managerial and non-managerial positions in Dairy organizations. It has been observed that B.Tech. (DT) students who are employed by dairy industry are usually placed at supervisory / lower level of managerial positions, whereas pure managerial positions are

filled by the students having management degree. This creates problems, when the manager is not from dairy background. Hence, it was thought that if dairy technologist having added management skills are made available to dairy industry, then it will be a great advantage to the dairy industry as well as the dairy technologists.

In this line of thought, SMC College of Dairy Science, proposed to offer an integrated programme leading to “Post Graduate Diploma in Dairy Management” through an agreement with IRMA, which will turn out highly skilled Dairy Technologists having excellent management capabilities. To this, NDRI has also joined and 5 years program leading to B.Tech.(DT) + Post graduate Diploma in Dairy Management is worked out. The board of management of IRMA,



NDRI as well as AAU have approved the proposal of this new academic program, which is to be implemented from the academic year 2019-20. To execute this program, a MoU was signed by the authorities of AAU and IRMA. At this occasion, Dr NC Patel, Hon. Vice Chancellor, AAU and Dr Hitesh Bhatt, Director, IRMA were present along with Dr MN Brahmabhatt, Dr MM Trivedi, Dr HK Misra and Dr JB Prajapati.