

**Report on the Inaugural Session of ICAR sponsored Winter School organized by Dairy
Technology Department, SMC College of Dairy Science, AAU, Anand**

The Dairy Technology Department of SMC College of Dairy Science, AAU, Anand has organized a 21 days ICAR sponsored Winter School on the topic "**Innovative approaches, Value addition in dairy products and Future prospects in Dairy Industry**". The inaugural programme of the Winter School was held on 16th November, 2016. Dr. N.C. Patel, Hon. Vice Chancellor, Anand Agril. University (AAU), Anand presided over the function, Dr. K. Rathnam, Managing Director, Kaira Dist. Co-operative Milk Producers' Union Ltd. (Amul) was the Chief Guest and Dr. K.B. Kathiria, Director of Research and Dean PG studies, AAU, Anand was the Guest of Honour. The course is being attended by 18 participants from various parts of the country. After the prayer and lamp lighting by the dignitaries, Dr. J.B. Prajapati, Principal and Dean, SMC College of Dairy Science, AAU, Anand gave an overview of the college which has been recognized as one of the Centre of Excellence in the field of dairying. Dr. Suneeta Pinto, Course Director, Winter School welcomed the participants of the course and gave a brief introduction about the conception and execution of the said course. The participants were made to introduce themselves and give their expectations from the course. The luminaries on the dais released the soft copy of the Compendium (with ISBN Number) comprising of the lectures to be delivered at the Winter School. Dr. Kathiria assured the participants that they would be getting the best training at the Winter School from the expert academic faculty and dairy and allied industry personnel's. Participants were advised to interact with the faculty and get the most out of the course. The Chief Guest of the function, Dr. Rathnam congratulated the faculty for conducting such an excellent training programme with the theme of today's significance. He emphasized to adopt the latest technology which can be used to separate novel biomolecules from milk and milk products such as lactoferrin taking into consideration the cost effectiveness. Dr. N.C. Patel started his speech by glorifying the achievements of the well-established Dairy Science College. He urged the trainees to utilize the facilities available at the campus for upgrading their knowledge and sharpening their skills. He endorsed the views of Dr. Rathnam and highlighted the significance of technological advancements and energy management in dairy industry. Dr. A. Jana, Professor and Head, Department of Dairy Technology presented the vote of thanks, acknowledging the role specifically played by the two co-course Directors, Dr. Ajay Gokhale and Dr. Amit Patel as well as all the conveners of various committees.



Lighting of lamp at the Winter School inauguration ceremony by Hon. Vice Chancellor



Course Director (Dr. Suneeta Pinto) briefing the audience about theme of the Winter School.



Dignitaries releasing soft copy of Souvenir at the inaugural session of Winter School.



Participants attending lecture in the Winter School at Navneet Hall of Dairy Science College.