

## ICAR- Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute, Jhansi (UP)

### On line training program for Gaushalas “Fodder Production, Utilization and Conservation”

21-22, July 2020

On line training program for Gaushalas on Fodder Production, Utilization and Conservation was conducted by Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute, Jhansi on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2020. The objective of the training program was to impart skills Gaushalas keepers and managers on improved fodder production and utilization techniques, maintenance of animal health and making them self-reliant to meet their expenses through production and marketing of eco-friendly cattle products. In training representatives of 80 Gaushalashousing more than 40 thousand animals spread over 12 states (Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Haryana, Odisha, Maharashtra, Telangana, Bihar, Gujarat and Karnataka) participated.

The program was inaugurated by Dr Vallabhkhair Kathiria, Chairman, Rashtriya Kamdhenu Ayog, New Delhi. He called upon for conservation and development of indigenous breeds, improved management of cows as well as effective implementation of laws for welfare of the cows and proper working of gaushals.

The program was chaired by Dr Y.P. Singh, Hon'ble ADG (FFC), ICAR, New Delhi. He stressed on adoption of developed technologies for efficient and profitable management of Gaushalas. Dr V K Yadav, Director ICAR-IGFRI Jhansi, presented an overview of institute activities. The Gaushalas representatives expressed their need for technological help and forage seed availability to improve fodder availability from available arable and non-arable lands to fulfil the minimal requirements of housed cattle.

In the training program lectures comprised of fodder production and conservation, grassland development and management, preparation and feeding of balance ration to the animals. The Gaushalas representatives also appreciated discussion on non-conventional fodder resources namely, Azolla, Moringa, fodder cactus, fodder beet, fodder sugarcane and hydroponic fodder production.

