

## Seminar on Aflatoxin: Strategies for reduction & finding solutions



Chairman, NDDB inaugurated a national seminar on "Aflatoxin: Strategies for reduction & finding solutions" at NDDB's Dr Kurien auditorium on 28 February 2019. Ms Rita Teatota, Chairperson, FSSAI delivered the keynote address. Policy makers, scientists, cattle feed manufacturers, officials from regulatory bodies and professionals from dairy industry discussed the current scenario pertaining to the prevalence of

Aflatoxins in milk & feed and identified appropriate measures to minimize the incidence of the same.

Milk is highly nutritious and rich in macro and micro-nutrients for growth and development. Since milk is consumed by all, it is apt that proactive measures are taken to make it safe.

Aflatoxins are a group of mycotoxins that pose hazards to human health owing to their carry-over from feed to milk. The contamination of milk with Aflatoxin is a worldwide concern. The fungi responsible (present in soil) is native to warm arid and tropical regions like India. Under favourable conditions the fungus has the ability to grow on feed and feed ingredients.

In view of the health implication Aflatoxin poses to humans, there is a need to devise suitable technologies for controlling aflatoxin growth in feed and reduce carried over aflatoxin in milk through processing interventions.

## Workshop on Environment & Social Management

A pan-India workshop on Environment and Social Management (E&S) under NDP I was conducted at NDDB, Anand on 19 December 2018. Ninety-three participants from 81 End Implementing Agencies (EIAs), NDDB and World Bank participated. The participants shared their experiences on environmental protection and social inclusion under NDP I and beyond.

