

2th NATIONAL VETERINARY, DAIRY & FISHERIES SYMPOSIUM – 2026

Integrated One Health Approach: Empowering Veterinary, Dairy and Fisheries Sectors for Rural Resilience

11th-12th April, 2026

Venue: Main Auditorium, Nagpur Veterinary College Campus, Nagpur, MS

Report

The *2nd National Veterinary, Dairy & Fisheries Symposium – 2026* was successfully organized by Agrivision in collaboration with the Maharashtra Animal and Fisheries Sciences University, Nagpur; the Veterinary Council of India, New Delhi; the National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad; and Vidyanidhi Nagpur. The event was held on 11th–12th April 2026 at Nagpur Veterinary College, Nagpur. The symposium was conducted under the theme “*Integrated One Health Approach: Empowering Veterinary, Dairy and Fisheries Sectors for Rural Resilience.*” It served as a prominent national platform, bringing together academicians, researchers, policymakers, students, and industry experts from over 20 states, highlighting its multidisciplinary and inclusive nature. The key objective of the symposium was to facilitate knowledge exchange, promote innovation, and strengthen collaboration across the veterinary, dairy, and fisheries sectors, while reinforcing the One Health framework in India.

The **inaugural session**, held on 11th April 2026, marked the formal commencement of the symposium. The programme began with the traditional lighting of the lamp and garlanding of Maa Saraswati and Swami Vivekananda, symbolizing the pursuit of knowledge and wisdom. The session was graced by **the Chief Guest, Shri S. P. Singh Baghel, Union Minister of State for Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fisheries, Government of India**, along with Special Guest Dr. Niteen Patil, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Maharashtra Animal and Fisheries Sciences University (MAFSU), Nagpur, Shri Devdatt Joshi, National Joint Organizing Secretary, ABVP, Dr. Umesh Sharma, President, Veterinary Council of India (VCI), and Dr. B. K. Behera, Chairman, National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB). Other dignitaries present on the dais included Shri Manish Fate, National Convenor, Agrivision, Dr. Shirish Upadhyay, Organizing Secretary, and Shri Shivam Pandey, Organizing Convenor. Dr. Shirish Upadhyay delivered the introductory address of the programme, while Shri Manish Fate elaborated on Agrivision and its initiatives. Other dignitaries also addressed the delegates, including the Chief Guest Shri S. P. Singh Baghel, Union Minister of State for Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fisheries, Government of India, who emphasized the importance of adopting advanced reproductive technologies such as sex-sorted semen and IVF-based embryo transfer to enhance livestock productivity and increase farmers’ income.

The **Technical Session I** held on 11 April 2026 formed the intellectual core of the symposium, focusing extensively on the practical implications of the One Health approach. Eminent experts such as Dr. P. K. Pandey, Dr. S. B. Barbuddhe, Shri Sudhir Kumar Singh and Dr. Rajesh Gupta delivered insightful lectures. These sessions highlighted the integration of animal, human, and environmental health, bringing forward the invisible interconnections that define the One Health concept. The discussions also focused on the current scenario and future prospects of the dairy industry in India, emphasizing interdisciplinary collaboration among institutions such as ICAR, NDVSU, and other agricultural universities.

A special **dialect session** held on 11 April 2026 by **Shri Devdatt Joshi, National Joint Organizing Secretary, ABVP**, on the topic “*Viksit Bharat Ki Sankalpana*” was held in the auditorium. During the session, he explained the importance of students in nation-building and highlighted their vital contribution toward the development of Bharat.

The symposium also featured **parallel sector-wise sessions** held on 11 April 2026 dedicated separately to Veterinary, Dairy, and Fisheries disciplines, providing a specialized platform for focused discussions. The Fisheries session was led by Dr. Mohanta, Dr. Gohar Wani, and Dr. Rameshori Yumnam, who deliberated on aquaculture entrepreneurship, fish health management, climate resilience, and various government initiatives including those of the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB). The Dairy session included distinguished speakers such as Dr. Aditya Jain, Dr. Sameer Saxena, Dr. Balaji Gite, Dr. M. R. Patil, and Dr. Vikas Patil, who discussed dairy value chains, market dynamics, innovations in milk production and processing, and the role of entrepreneurship in strengthening rural livelihoods. The Veterinary session was guided by eminent experts including Dr. Kurkure, Dr. Pravin Shinde, Dr. Vijay Tijare, and Dr. Devender Hooda, focusing on disease management, biosecurity, advancements in veterinary diagnostics and treatment, and the crucial role of veterinarians in implementing the One Health approach. These sessions provided a dynamic platform for knowledge exchange and encouraged meaningful interaction between students and experts.

Resolution Session, held on 12 April 2026 began with a brief introduction, followed by addresses from Shri Manish Fate, National Convenor, Agrivision, Shri Shivam Pandey, National Co-Convenor, Agrivision, Dr. Amit Sharma, Organizing Co-Convenor, Dr. Ujjwal Nayak, Organizing Co-Convenor, and Shri Jitendra Singh Bika, Organizing Co-Convenor. During the session, five key resolutions were presented and discussed, focusing on the development of the veterinary, dairy, and fisheries sectors. These included important aspects such as sectoral growth, strengthening education and research, and conducting the ASRB examination on time, along with other policy and development-oriented measures. The session concluded with an interactive discussion involving students, followed by the formal adoption and passing of the resolutions.

A distinctive feature of the symposium was the **Role Model Session**, held on 12 April 2026 aimed at inspiring students and promoting entrepreneurship in agriculture and allied sectors. Esteemed speakers such as Dr. Dhiraj Mankari, Dr. Abhijeet Naohate, Mrs. Shraddha Dhawan and Dr. Nina Singh shared their professional journeys and experiences. The session highlighted startup development in aquaculture, agribusiness opportunities, dairy entrepreneurship, and innovative livestock management practices. It emphasized self-employment, innovation, and bridging the gap between academic knowledge and industry needs, while interactive discussions motivated students to pursue entrepreneurial ventures.

Technical Session – II, held on 12 April 2026 began with a welcome and introduction by Dr. Vikas Phulia and was chaired by Dr. S. V. Upadhaye. The session featured expert talks by Dr. Sunil Garg, Dr. Manoj Aware, and Dr. Hanumant Shelke on poultry enterprises, sustainable livestock development, and One Health initiatives. It concluded with an interactive discussion, followed by remarks from Dr. S. V. Upadhaye and a vote of thanks by Dr. Saicharan Hande, with Dr. Rajesh Limsay serving as Rapporteur.

The valedictory session, held on 12th April 2026, marked the successful conclusion of the symposium. The session was graced by the **Chief Guest, Dr. Punyamurti, Padma Shri Awardee** in veterinary sector, along with Special Guests Dr. Niteen Patil, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Maharashtra Animal and Fisheries Sciences University (MAFSU), Nagpur, Shri Vikram Singh Farswan, National Incharge, Agrivision, Dr. S. V. Upadhaye, Organizing Secretary, Shri Mukund

Kadam, Joint Organizing Secretary, Tanvi Chaudhary, National Co-Convenor, Agrivision, and Shri Amit Sharma, Joint Organizing Convenor. The session commenced with a comprehensive summary of the symposium proceedings presented by the organizing team, highlighting the key outcomes and achievements of the two-day event. Shri Vikram Singh Farswan addressed the gathering, followed by an inspiring keynote by the Chief Guest Dr. Punyamurti, who emphasized dedication, innovation, and service in agriculture and allied sectors. Awards for Best Poster Presentations were distributed to recognize outstanding research contributions of participants. The vote of thanks was delivered by Shri Amit Sharma, and the session concluded with the national song.

The symposium witnessed remarkable and diverse participation from across the country, reflecting its wide outreach and impact. A total of participants represented 20 states, 25 universities, and 46 colleges, including 279 undergraduate students, 55 postgraduate students, and 31 professors. The event was also graced by 1 Hon'ble Minister, 3 Vice Chancellors, 7 Deans, and 36 technical speakers, highlighting strong academic and administrative representation. From a field-wise perspective, participation included 249 from Veterinary sciences, 86 from Fisheries, and 30 from Dairy, demonstrating a balanced multidisciplinary presence. In terms of gender distribution, the symposium recorded 234 male and 131 female participants. Overall, the event comprised 365 participants, 72 volunteers, 47 dignitaries, 30 organizing members, and 18 State Incharges & Convenors, making a grand total of 532 attendees. The symposium truly reflected a diverse, inclusive, and impactful national-level engagement.

In conclusion, the **2nd National Veterinary, Dairy & Fisheries Symposium – 2026** was a grand success, achieving its objectives of fostering knowledge exchange, interdisciplinary collaboration, and innovation. The symposium significantly contributed to strengthening the One Health framework, encouraging student participation and entrepreneurship, and promoting policy dialogue and technological advancements. It served as an important national platform for building a resilient and sustainable livestock, dairy, and fisheries sector in India.