

## **IGFRI Signed MoU with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi and Balinee Milk Producer Company Limited, Jhansi**

The ICAR-Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute, Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh and The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi have signed MoU for Research / Training /Consultancy Services collaboration. The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi, having its Head Office at Delhi is an independent non-governmental research organization and is involved in the research activities in applied research programs, energy, climate change, sustainable development, environment protection, capacity building and knowledge sharing. The Balinee Milk Producer Company Limited, is a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013, as a Farmers Producer Company (FPO) and having its registered office at Jhansi, U.P.

IGFRI and TERI has identified several areas for collaboration that include:

- Rehabilitation of Red Mud Dumping Area and other degraded area such as, Fly ash ponds, Coal, Limestone and Lignite Mines into Green Belt Development through grassland/ silvipasture / hortipasture.
- To provide suitable grass and fodder species, whenever required in research projects.
- Support in developing joint proposal preparation as consortium partner for various agencies
- Improving Livelihood of farmers and Forest Dependent Communities
- Climate Change Mitigation and Climate Vulnerability for adaptation
- Biodiversity Conservation
- Ecosystem Services and Carbon Finance Mechanism
- Training and capacity building on above subjects



IGFRI and Balini MPC has identified several areas for collaboration that include:

1. Fodder seed of improved varieties suitable for Bundelkhand.
2. Planting material of the multi-cut perennial grasses
3. Training on fodder crops production, conservation and utilization technologies including densification, hay and silage.



4. Adoption of common villages by the Institute and Balinee MPC for institute ongoing outreach projects/ activities.

IGFRI and TERI will plan to implement joint research projects on common interest requiring expertise and logistics from both the parties and study impacts while with Balini plan shall be made to conduct on farm research and study socio economic aspects. There shall be an exchange of staff / farmers/ students for academic, research and training. The collaboration will also help in dissemination of fodder technologies through network of Balini MPC specially with women farmers and that will lead their empowerment.

*(Source: ICAR-Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute, Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh)*