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A National Workshop on Modernising India's Animal Husbandry Sector for Quality Production was organised by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying at Vigyan Bhawan New Delhi on 9th July 2025. It was attended by officials from Central government,, State and UTs, National Dairy Development Board, Milk Federations and there key stakeholders from across the country. Andaman and Nicobar UT was represented by Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services. In her keynote address, Smti. Alka Upadhyaya, Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India highlighted that animal husbandry is a cash generating sector contributing 30.7 percent to the country's total Gross Agricultural Value Addition(GVA). She further shed light on the need for innovation, better quality, stronger collaboration at the National and State level for aligning with global standards for a modern, resilient animal husbandry.

The workshop included four regional sessions to enable focussed discussions with representatives from Northern, Western, Southern, Eastern and north Eastern States. Each session actively discussed region specific challenges and opportunities, focussing on enhancing productivity, controlling diseases and promoting sustainable livestock practices. The concluding session captured feed back from the states/UTs and outlined a road map for collaborative action.