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The pre-conference of 2<sup>nd</sup> International conference on Animal & Dairy Science on Addressing new Challenges and Emerging Issues in Animal Sciences & Dairy Research was held at Faculty of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry, SKUAST-Jammu on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2014 . Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of SKUAST-J Prof Pradeep Kumar Sharma was chief guest at the conference. Prof. Pradeep Kumar Sharma emphasized on the potential to improve rural incomes, nutrition and women empowerment through dairy and animal husbandry in integration with agriculture. He stressed upon the need to improve quality and quantity of milk in Indian condition and climate resilient in animal and dairy science during his inaugural chief guest address. Dr. Arjava Sharma, Director of NBAGR, Karnal and Dr. Kusumakar Sharma, Former-ADG, ICAR, New Delhi were the Guest of Honor. Dr. Arjava emphasized to increase the productivity of animals with quality products within the available resources. Dr. Kusumakar addressed the challenges in the development of affordable research technologies for growing need of the country. Welcome note was presented by Prof. S.K. Gupta, Dean. Dr Neelesh Sharma, organizing secretary introduced the theme of preconference in his introductory speech. Dr. Rajiv Singh expressed the vote of thanks. Expert lectures from the renowned scientist were delivered by Dr. Mukesh K. Gupta, NIT, Rourkela, Dr. Vikas Vohra, NBAGR, Karnal and Dr. Ratan Choudhary, GADVASU, Ludhiana, within the theme of Pre-conference in different sessions. Dr. J.P. Sharma, Dean, FOA and Dr. N.A. Sudhan, former Director of Research, SKUAST-J were also present during the programme. More than 130 scientist and post graduate students participated in this event, at which the scientific approaches towards animal husbandry, increasing milk productivity and equipping farmers with modern technology were discussed.