

Report on Inauguration of ILRI-ICAR training program on “Introduction to Analytical Veterinary Epidemiology”

ILRI convened three days training program on ‘Introduction to Analytical Veterinary Epidemiology’ jointly organized by ICAR- IVRI and ICAR- NIVEDI was inaugurated on 03rd December, 2018 at ICAR-NIVEDI, Bengaluru. The Inaugural program was graced by **Dr. R. N. Srinivas Gowda**, Former Vice Chancellor, Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University; **Dr. R. K. Singh**, Director cum Vice-Chancellor, ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh; **Dr. T. Shivarama Bhat**, Director, Department of Animal husbandry and Veterinary Services, Karnataka; **Dr. H. Rahman**, Regional Representative for South Asia, International Livestock Research Institute; **Dr. M. Rajasekhar**, Founder Project Director, erstwhile PD-ADMAS/presently ICAR-NIVEDI; **Dr. S. M. Byregowda**, Director, Institute of Animal Health & Veterinary Biologicals, Bengaluru; **Dr. Aniket Sanyal**, Joint Director, ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bengaluru campus; **Dr. B. R. Shome**, Director (Acting), ICAR-NIVEDI and leading resource persons from ILRI, Dr. Johanna Lindahl and Dr. Annie Cook as well as 22 participants from across India covering ICAR, SAUs and State Animal husbandry Departments.

Dr. B. R. Shome felicitated and welcomed all the dignitaries to the program. **Dr. H. Rahman** provided a brief note about the genesis and overview of the program with description about analytical epidemiology. **Dr. M. Rajasekhar** briefed about the journey of PD_ADMAS to ICAR-NIVEDI with emphasis on the key role of the institute in understanding the epidemiology of livestock diseases in the country. **Dr. T. Shivarama Bhat** mentioned about the relevance of epidemiology as a key tool in different disciplines of Veterinary and animal sciences which will help in designing the disease control strategies. **Dr. R. K. Singh** stressed the need to strengthen **veterinary epidemiology** in India in the climate changing scenario. **Dr. R. N. Srinivas Gowda**, the chief guest, encouraged the participants to upgrade their skills and knowledge on epidemiology through this training program which is the need of the hour. The inaugural session was concluded with vote of thanks by **Dr. Aniket Sanyal**, photo session and plantation by the dignitaries in the ICAR-NIVEDI campus.

