

Interactive meeting with Scientists of ERS, ICAR-IVRI and the Brainware University, West Bengal

An interactive meeting was held at the Eastern Regional Station (ERS) of ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI) on 17th February 2025. The meeting aimed at exploring potential collaborations between the School of Biotechnology and Biosciences of Brainware University, Barasat (West Bengal), and ERS, ICAR-IVRI. Prof (Dr) C Rajesh, Dean and Dr Preeti Rajesh, School of Biotechnology and Biosciences from Brainware University attended the meeting.



The interactive meeting commenced with a formal welcome by Dr. Sadhan Bag, followed by the introduction of all attendees. Dr. Arnab Sen, HARC, extended a warm welcome to Dr. Rajesh and Dr. Preeti and invited them to elaborate on Brainware University and their expectations for collaboration. Dr. Rajesh and Dr. Preeti provided an overview of Brainware University, specifically focusing on the research areas and facilities available in the Department of Biotechnology and Biosciences.



They outlined their ongoing research projects and outreach programs, expressing interest in establishing scientific collaborations, student exchange programs, and joint project formulations with ERS, ICAR-IVRI. Dr. Arnab Sen acknowledged their proposal and emphasized the necessity of a Letter of Intent before initiating any formal collaboration. He also requested Brainware University to provide details of their existing collaborations with other national universities to facilitate the drafting process of a Letter of Intent. Dr. Sadhan Bag supported the initiative, highlighting the potential for mutual benefit through shared research facilities. Dr. Srikanta Ghosh stressed the importance of explicitly documenting Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) concerns in any collaboration and the need for joint proposal formulation to secure funding from government agencies. Dr. G. K. Das provided insights into the various outreach programs conducted by ERS, ICAR-IVRI, and showcased ongoing activities. Other attending scientists, including Dr. P. K. Nanda, Dr. Samiran Bandyopadhyay, Dr. A. K. Das, Dr. Bimalendu Mondal, and Dr. T. K. Biswas, also shared their perspectives and welcomed the collaborative initiative.



Following the discussion, the attendees visited various laboratories, including the Central Instrumentation Facility (CIF), to explore available resources for potential joint research projects. The meeting concluded with a mutual agreement that a draft Letter of Intent, incorporating all relevant documents, including IPR considerations, would be prepared and submitted to ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar, for approval by the competent authority. Formal collaboration and student exchange programs will commence only after obtaining the necessary approvals. This meeting marked a significant step toward fostering academic and scientific collaboration between ERS, ICAR-IVRI, and Brainware University paving the way for future joint research endeavours and knowledge exchange.

