

## ICAR-Sponsored Short Course on Advanced Disease Diagnostics Concludes at IVRI Mukteshwar





The ICAR–Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Mukteshwar, Uttarakhand, successfully conducted the valedictory function of the ICAR-sponsored short course on “Advanced Disease Diagnostics and Next-Generation Vaccine Platforms in Livestock” on 18 March 2026 at the institute auditorium. The programme was graced by Dr. Pravindra Kumar, Professor and Head, IIT Roorkee, as the Chief Guest. In his address, he highlighted the significance of such training programmes in promoting interdisciplinary collaboration and providing opportunities to understand emerging technologies in a practical context. He further emphasized that such initiatives play an important role in encouraging research and innovation and in addressing future challenges in the field. On this occasion, Dr. Y. P. S. Malik, Joint Director and Course Director, emphasized the importance of the training programme and stated that it is highly beneficial for the dissemination of advanced technologies in veterinary and medical sciences. He further added that such programmes contribute significantly to scientific capacity building as well as the development of practical skills, enabling participants to perform more effectively in their respective fields. Dr. Ashutosh Fular, Scientist and Course Co-Director, presented a brief overview of the various activities conducted during the training programme. The ten-day training programme witnessed the participation of 15 participants from different institutions across the country, including Assistant Professors from various medical colleges of Uttarakhand and officers from the Remount Veterinary Corps (RVC). During the course, special emphasis was given to the importance of zoonotic diseases and their role in the context of human and animal health. The participants, in their feedback, expressed that the training was highly useful and stated that they had gained valuable knowledge and skills, which they intend to implement in their respective professional areas. The course was coordinated by Dr. Ashutosh Fular (Scientist), Dr. Amit Kumar (Senior Scientist), Dr. Vishal Chander (Senior Scientist), and Dr. Amir Kumar Samal (Scientist), ICAR-IVRI as Course Co-Directors. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Ashutosh Fular.