IVRI Mukteshwar Organizes Refresher Training Programme for Artificial Insemination Technicians (AITs) of Kumaon Region in collaboration with BAIF on 23.09.2026

ICAR–Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Mukteshwar Campus, organized a one-day Refresher Training Programme for Artificial Insemination Technicians (AITs) of the Kumaon Region under the SSP Project on "*Artificial Insemination and Reproductive Management in Livestock*". The programme aimed to strengthen the technical knowledge and practical skills of AITs and update them on important aspects of artificial insemination and reproductive management in livestock.

The programme commenced with a welcome address and introduction of guests by Dr. Jyotsna Arya, Veterinary Officer, Garhwal, BAIF, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by Dr. Sher Singh, Joint Director (Acting), ICAR-IVRI Mukteshwar, and Dr. S. K. Bansal, BAIF. Dr. Deepak Pangtey, Veterinary Officer, Kumaon, BAIF, delivered the keynote address and provided an overview of the training programme.

The technical programme included a guest lecture by Dr. Sayed Nabil Abedin, Scientist, IVRI, Mukteshwar, on "Estrus synchronization protocols in bovine species**"** followed by lecture on "Importance of timely diagnosis and treatment of health and disease conditions in livestock**"** by Dr Amol Gurav, Scientist, IVRI, Mukteshwar,. The subsequent technical sessions were conducted by Dr. S. K. Bansal, Senior TPE, North, BAIF, covering important aspects of artificial insemination and reproductive management. An IT Query and Resolution Session was conducted by Mr. Anish Aswal, IT Associate, BAIF, Dehradun, while Mr. Pratap Rawat, Zonal In-charge, Kumaon, BAIF, conducted a session on record keeping and documentation. The participants were also sensitized by Dr. Gurav Amol Ramdas, Senior Scientist, IVRI, Mukteshwar, on the importance of timely diagnosis and treatment of health and disease conditions in livestock.

The training also provided an opportunity for the AITs to interact with experts and discuss their field-level challenges through a dedicated query and discussion session. An exposure visit to the laboratory and farm facilities of IVRI, Mukteshwar, was subsequently organized, coordinated by Dr. Ashutosh Fular, Scientist, IVRI, Mukteshwar, providing participants with practical exposure to institutional facilities and livestock reproductive technologies.

The programme concluded with a feedback session and distribution of certificates to the participants. The training brought together scientists, technical experts and field functionaries

from IVRI and BAIF, providing a platform for knowledge sharing and capacity building of AITs engaged in livestock reproductive services in the Kumaon Region.

The overall programme was coordinated by Dr. Ashutosh Fular, Scientist, IVRI, Mukteshwar, with Dr. Gurav Amol Ramdas, Senior Scientist; Dr. Nidhi Sharma, Scientist; and Dr. Sayed Nabil Abedin, Scientist, serving as Co-coordinators. The programme emphasized the importance of continuous skill enhancement and effective coordination between scientific institutions and field-level service providers for strengthening livestock reproductive services in the region.

Briefing session for the participating Artificial Insemination Technicians (AITs) on the objectives and key components of the refresher training programme.

Ceremonial distribution of certificates to the participating AITs