

Inauguration function of One-Week Training Programme on ‘Principles and Applications of Veterinary Vaccines Under Field Conditions’ at IVRI Bengaluru campus

The ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI) in Bengaluru is conducting a week-long training program on the “Principles and applications of veterinary vaccines under field conditions”. The program, which started on September 17 and will run until September 23, 2025. It was officially opened by chief guest Dr. P. Shivarudrappa, Additional Director of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services (AHVS), Government of Karnataka. Dr. D. Swarup, former Director of ICAR-CIRG Makhdum, was the guest of honor.

The inaugural session began with the ICAR and IVRI songs. The Joint Director of the IVRI Bengaluru campus, Dr. Pallab Chaudhuri, welcomed everyone. Dr. BHM Patel, Principal Scientist and Course Coordinator, provided a detailed overview of the training program, which was followed by release of the training manual by the dignitaries. The training is attended by 16 participants including 4 postgraduate veterinary students from the IVRI Bengaluru campus.

D. Swarup shared his thoughts on the training program, commending its relevance for field veterinarians. He stressed that "Prevention is better than Cure" should be a core principle in animal health, not just a slogan. He stressed that effective vaccination programs can significantly reduce the burden of antimicrobial resistance. He also acknowledged that maintaining the cold chain for vaccines is a major challenge for veterinarians in the field. Dr. Swarup concluded by saying that the training would serve as a valuable refresher on the fundamentals of vaccines and vaccination for the participants.

Dr. P. Shivarudrappa emphasized the relevance of the training program, noting that it directly supports the regular participation of field veterinarians in animal vaccination efforts. He expressed confidence that attendees would apply the knowledge gained from the program. He also highlighted the critical need for maintaining the cold chain for vaccines at the field level. In addition, he urged for more research into the potential adverse effects of frequent animal vaccinations and the causes of vaccine failures. Finally, he stressed the importance of increasing vaccination awareness among farmers.

Dr. K. Narayanan, Principal Scientist, was the anchor for the inaugural function; Dr. Priyanka, Scientist, proposed the vote of thanks.



