

Annual Review Meeting of CRP on Vaccines and Diagnostics

4-5th March 2024, ICAR-IVRI Bengaluru Campus

The ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bengaluru campus hosted the Annual Review Meeting of the Consortium Research Platform on Vaccines and Diagnostics (CRP on V&D) for 2023 in Bengaluru from March 4th to 5th, 2024.

In his inaugural address, Dr. Raghavendra Bhatta, Deputy Director General (Animal Sciences) at ICAR, underscored the pivotal role of ICAR in managing the health of animals, fish, and agricultural crops. He commended the CRP on V&D for fostering intersectoral collaboration, which has resulted in the development of innovative technologies benefiting farmers. Dr. Bhatta also emphasized the importance of partnering with industry stakeholders to bring these technologies to market and enhance the livelihoods of stakeholders.

Dr. Ashok Kumar, ADG (Animal Health), highlighted the uniqueness of CRP on V&D with its intersectoral linkages. He urged scientists to undertake external validation of technologies using well-defined Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and recommended the inclusion of more poultry vaccines in the platform with expertise available at IVRI, Bengaluru campus.



Dr Pallab Chaudhuri, Joint Director, ICAR-IVRI, Bengaluru campus cum Project Coordinator of CRP on V&D presented an overview of progress of the CRP on V&D platform and mentioned that a total of 39 technologies have been generated. Dr B.P. Sreenivasa, Coordinator (Livestock sector), Dr R. Selvarajan, Director, (ICAR-NRCB) cum Coordinator (Agriculture sector), and Dr M. Makesh, Coordinator (Fisheries sector) briefed the house about the progress made in their respective sectors. Dr A. Sanyal, Director (ICAR-NIHSAD), Dr B. R. Gulati, Director (ICAR-NIVEDI), and Dr M. Krishna Reddy, Principal Scientist (Retd), (ICAR-IIHR) also participated in the review meeting and provided critical suggestions.



The forum reviewed 31 ongoing research projects and approved three new ones. Principal Investigators and Co-investigators from 14 ICAR research institutes, including four from animal science, four from fisheries, and six from agricultural crop science institutes, registered their participation during the meeting. They presented progress reports for the year 2023-24 and outlined targets for 2024-25. Additionally, it was proposed to conduct two hands-on workshops—one on CRISPR-based diagnostics and another on Hybridoma technology—for the benefit of scientists involved in CRP on V&D.

