

**Regional Centre, Palampur (H.P.) Celebrates the Glorious 135<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of  
ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute**

The ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Regional Centre, Palampur (Himachal Pradesh), celebrated the 135<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of the ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute on December 9, 2024, with great enthusiasm. On this occasion, the Regional Centre organized an 'Awareness and Animal Health Camp' at Panchayat Patti, Palampur (H.P.), which included an animal health camp and *Kisan Goshti* and distribution of animal health kit.

Dr. Gorakh Mal, HoRC, ICAR-IVRI RS Palampur inaugurated the program by welcoming farmers and livestock keepers. He shared the historical legacy and achievements of the institute, highlighting its establishment on December 9, 1889, in Pune, Maharashtra, as the Imperial Bacteriological Laboratory (IBL). The institute was relocated to Mukteshwar, Uttarakhand, in 1893 and later shifted to its current headquarters in Izatnagar, Uttar Pradesh, in 1947. The Regional Centre in Palampur was established in 1959.

Dr. Gorakh Mal elaborated on the institute's groundbreaking initiatives to enhance livestock health and productivity. Between 2002 and 2023, the institute developed several impactful vaccines, including PPR, IBD, Swine Fever, Brucella, Camel Pox, Buffalo Pox, Swine Septic Pasteurellosis, and Lumpy Skin Disease vaccines. These contributions have significantly advanced livestock health and productivity, establishing the institute as a national leader under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). Dr. Gorakh Mal also highlighted the accomplishments of the Regional Centre in Palampur, which include advancements in livestock feeding systems, climate-neutral production, regional disease solutions, and research on tea seed saponins, Gaddi goats, and fern species in the Northwestern Himalayan region. He emphasized various programs aimed at strengthening farmers' economies, such as the Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan, Tribal Sub-Plan, Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav, Farmer Fairs, and Farmer FIRST initiatives. Additionally, he expressed gratitude to the honorable Director, Vice-Chancellor, and Joint Director (Research) of ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar, for their continued support and guidance. This initiative exemplified the institute's commitment to improving livestock health and supporting rural economies through innovative programs and research.

A total of 51 farmers (17 women and 34 men) benefited from the event. The Animal Health Camp catered to 25 animals of various species (cows, goats, and dogs), which were treated

for ailments such as warts, ticks, and actinomycosis. Medicines were provided, and appropriate consultations were offered where needed.

During the *Kisan Goshti*, participants shared their problems, which were addressed by scientists, including Dr.(s) Gorakh Mal, Birbal Singh, Rinku Sharma, Uma Shankar Pati, Devi Gopinath, Gauri Jairath, and Ajayta Rialch.

All beneficiaries received animal health care kits containing mineral mixtures, dewormers, and multivitamins. Dr. Uma Shankar Pati explained the proper usage of these items and advised beneficiaries to consult scientists and veterinary officer if needed.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Birbal Singh, who expressed gratitude to the farmers and livestock keepers for their cooperation and enthusiasm. The event's success was also attributed to the active participation of technical and administrative staffs, including Mr. Balvinder Rana, Ranjit Singh, Jonga Ram, and Sanjeev.



