

**Annual Review Meeting of CRP on Vaccines and Diagnostics**  
**(October 23-24, 2025, 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 the 2024-25 period in Bengaluru during 23-24<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

In his inaugural address, Dr. Raghavendra Bhatta, Deputy Director General (Animal Sciences) at ICAR, highlighted the CRP on V&D perspective on research which amalgamates all three subsectors: Animal Sciences, Fisheries, and Livestock, fostering an intersectoral approach. He commended the CRP on V&D for its success, which has resulted in the development of innovative technologies, benefiting farmers. Looking forward, he noted the need for strategic project management, to initiate new research areas, such as non-bovine milk (focusing on sources like camel and goat), cloning, Genome Editing, and the 'One Health' and canine health, with many key projects having been initiated in the previous year. Dr. Bhatta also highlighted that partnering with industry is crucial for marketing these innovations and boosting the livelihoods of all stakeholders.



Dr Divakar Hemadri, ADG (Animal Health), Dr Shubhadeep Ghosh, ADG (Marine Fisheries) and Dr. Bikash Mandal, ADG (International Relations), Dr S K Singh, Joint Director (Res), ICAR-IVRI (online mode), also participated in the review meeting and provided critical suggestions.

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 during 2024-25, and mentioned that 3 technologies have been released, 8 technologies commercialized and 7 patents filed. 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.



The forum reviewed 31 ongoing research projects. 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 2024-25 and outlined targets for 2025-26. It was decided to initiate demand driven research under the next EFC. Additionally, it was proposed to conduct one hands-on workshops on CRISPR-based diagnostics at CIFE Mumbai, for CRP on V&D scientists.

