

Inauguration of Training Programme on “Integrated Diagnostics for Zoonotic Threats” at ICAR-IVRI, Mukteshwar

A hands-on training programme titled “Integrated Diagnostics for Zoonotic Threats: A One Health Capacity-Building Hands-on Training”, sponsored by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), was inaugurated today at the ICAR–Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Mukteshwar Campus. The programme brought together 30 selected participants from different states across India.



The inaugural session was graced by Prof. Suresh S. Honnappagol, Former Animal Husbandry Commissioner, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare, Government of India, as the Chief Guest. In his address, Prof. Honnappagol motivated the participants to focus on the development of advanced diagnostic technologies for the early detection of zoonotic diseases. He emphasized that the development of rapid diagnostic kits is the need of the hour — tools that can help identify diseases in their early stages, detect infected species, and support the implementation of effective control strategies. He urged the young researchers to apply the knowledge gained from this training in their professional pursuits to strengthen the nation’s health security system.

Presiding over the inaugural function, Dr. Y.P.S. Malik, Joint Director, ICAR–IVRI, Mukteshwar, highlighted that the training curriculum has been meticulously designed to include a balanced integration of theoretical concepts and practical exposure. He stated that the objective of this programme is to promote knowledge exchange, skill

enhancement, and interdisciplinary collaboration among scientists, academicians, and young researchers.



Course Coordinator, Dr. M. Swaminathan, informed that more than 50 applications were received from across the country, out of which 30 participants were selected. These participants represent diverse academic backgrounds, including General and Veterinary Microbiology, Public Health, Epidemiology, Biotechnology, Fisheries Science, and Chemistry.

The programme was conducted by Dr. Vishal Chander, Course Co-coordinator, while the Vote of Thanks was proposed by Dr. Ashutosh Phuler, Course Co-coordinator. The event was attended by Dr. Arnab Sen (Officer In-Charge, IVRI Kolkata Campus), Dr. Shailendra Saxena (Associate Dean, KGMU, Lucknow), Dr. V. Balamurugan (WOAH Expert, ICAR–NIVEDI, Bengaluru), Dr. Harmanpreet Kaur (Assistant Professor, Amity University, Noida), Dr. Amit Kumar, Dr. C.L. Patel, and several other distinguished scientists and experts.



