

Visit of the Animal Husbandry Commissioner (AHC), Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, to ICAR-IVRI Bengaluru campus on 2nd April 2026

Dr B. M. Naveena, the Animal Husbandry Commissioner (AHC), Govt of India visited the Bengaluru campus of ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI). He was accompanied by Dr. Aruna Sharma, Joint Commissioner (LH), DAHD. The dignitaries were welcomed by Dr Pallab Chaudhuri, Joint Director, ICAR-IVRI Bengaluru campus. The Joint Director, briefed the AHC, about the contributions of IVRI, Bengaluru campus in the FMD vaccine R&D and its involvement in the national disease control programs through QC of FMD vaccine and PPR vaccine in association with DAHD, GOI.

The AHC interacted with the scientists of the ICAR-IVRI, Bengaluru campus. The scientists provided updates on current research regarding improved FMD and PPR vaccine technologies, including the DIVA vaccines developed by the institute.

Addressing the scientists, the AHC directed that new vaccine technologies must be transitioned to validate their on-field efficacy and offered necessary assistance from DAHD to conduct such trials. He commended the progress made on alternate laboratory animal models, noting their importance as ethical and efficient replacements for cattle challenge in FMD vaccine testing. He stressed the necessity of strengthening campus infrastructure to align with the Global Framework for the Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs). He emphasized the establishment of WOAAH-recognized Disease-Free Compartments within the country to facilitate smoother international trade. He advised scientists to adopt a teamwork-based approach to address diseases of national priority and suggested a brainstorming workshop involving ICAR institutes, DAHD, and industry partners to focus on FMD vaccines and diagnostics. The meeting was concluded with a formal vote of thanks.



