

Report on FAO-ICAR-USAID Workshop on Operationalization of Animal Health Component of National Action Plan on AMR held from 25 to 27 April 2019 at The Lalit Great Eastern Hotel, Kolkata

A three-day long ICAR-USAID-FAO workshop on "Operationalization of Animal Health Component of National Action Plan on AMR" was jointly organized by FAO and ICAR-IVRI, ERS, Kolkata, during 25 to 27 April 2019 at The Lalit Great Eastern Hotel, Kolkata.

The programme started with the welcome address delivered by Dr P. S. Banerjee, SIC, IVRI, ERS, Kolkata. Dr J. Misri, Principal Scientist, ICAR, HQ briefed the house regarding objectives and mechanism for operationalization of the animal component under NAP on AMR adopted by Govt. of India. While the FAO's technical adviser on AMR, Dr Rajesh Bhatia, briefed about FAO's efforts and perspective in this regard, Dr P. Blahwar, Joint Commissioner, DAHD gave a clear depiction of vision of Government of India for AMR in animal health and initiatives taken by the government to curb AMR in animals. Dr R. K. Singh, Director, ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar deliberated on the initiatives taken by ICAR-IVRI for control and containment of AMR in the animal sector. Dr J. K. Jena, Hon'ble DDG (AS and Fisheries), ICAR, New Delhi, in his inaugural speech gave an overview on ICAR initiatives on AMR in the agricultural sector. The inaugural ceremony ended with vote of thanks by Dr Samiran Bandyopadhyay, Senior Scientist, IVRI, Kolkata.

Apart from the higher officials of ICAR and representatives or officials of international development partners, DAHD officials, ICAR scientists, Secretary, VCI, Head/ Senior professors from the Veterinary Universities, focal points for livestock health/AMR from departments of Animal Husbandry of selected States/UTs of India, educationalists and representatives from industry attended this workshop. The first technical session of the workshop was chaired by Dr J. K. Jena, DDG (AS & Fisheries), ICAR, New Delhi and Dr R. K. Singh, Director, ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar co-chaired the session.

The workshop continued for three days where national experts participated in the close discussion and several rounds of a brainstorming session to chalk out the ways for implementation of an animal component of NAP on AMR, suggested governance mechanism with a clear description of activities, deliverables, budgetary estimates, indicators and target for each objective under NAP on AMR. The experts also came up with a draft monitoring and evaluation plan for implementation of such activities.

