

Visit of Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, Hon'ble Minister of State for Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries to ICAR-IVRI Bengaluru campus

Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, Hon'ble Minister of State of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, visited the ICAR-IVRI Bengaluru campus on 12 November 2020. He was accompanied by Dr. Praveen Malik, Animal Husbandry Commissioner, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying. Hon'ble minister made visit to laboratories and interacted with the scientists and enquired on the various research activities undertaken at this campus. During the interactive meeting with the scientists of IVRI and DFMD, the Hon'ble minister enquired about the status of FMD vaccine quality control testing being carried out by IVRI and DFMD.



He emphasized that it is priority of the Union government to control FMD, as economic losses due to the disease are enormous. He called upon the scientists to expedite the testing as this is an important responsibility of the institute towards the control of FMD in India. Joint Director, IVRI, Bengaluru campus highlighted the research initiatives by the centre in developing vaccine that provides long duration of immunity against foot-and-mouth disease, new test for DIVA application and the alternative assays for checking the FMD vaccine quality. The Hon'ble Minister appreciated the efforts of Scientists of IVRI, Bengaluru for carrying out need based research on FMD. The dignitaries also visited ICAR-IVRI Animal Experimentation Station, Yelahanka campus.