

Interaction meeting with Dr Rajiv Gandhi, CEO & MD, Hester Biosciences, Ahmedabad, Gujarat was held under Chairmanship Dr Triveni Dutt, Director & Vice Chancellor of Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Deemed University

An interaction meeting was held today under the Chairmanship Dr Triveni Dutt, Director & Vice Chancellor of Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Deemed University wherein Dr Rajiv Gandhi, CEO & Managing Director, Ms Priya Gandhi, Executive Director and Dr Rajendra Lingala; Head R&D of Hester Biosciences, Ahmedabad, Gujarat was present. The meeting was attended by Joint Directors, Dr SK Mendiratta, Dr Rupasi Tiwari, Dr SK Singh, Dr Pallab Choudhury (Bengaluru), Dr YPS Malik (Mukteswar), Head of Divisions, Section Incharges and Technology leaders of IVRI.

In the meeting there was detailed discussion on the possibilities for collaboration in research and technology development as well as transfer. The Director in his opening remarks mentioned that the Hester Biosciences limited has already taken 8 vaccine technologies from IVRI (**PPR vaccine, Goat Pox vaccine, Sheep pox vaccine; CSF vaccine, Brucella vaccine, LSD vaccine, IBD vaccine and PPR-Goat Pox combined vaccine**) and these vaccines are being manufactured and used for animal vaccination. The government of India has launched a National animal disease eradication programme and the vaccines developed by IVRI are being used in this programme. The IVRI is also involved in quality control and testing of veterinary biologicals as a Nodal agency.



Further, it was emphasized that IVRI is a Deemed University and imparting the UG/PG and Doctoral education in Veterinary and animal sciences. Very recently, Dr Rajiv Gandhi has been appointed as Professor of Practice by the Deemed University in compliance to the guidelines of the National Education Policy 2020.

The Director has stressed on active academia-industry collaborations for developing technologies and products useful for the farmers and stakeholders. He was of the opinion that useful technologies can be developed when we take joint programmes with industries and the

PG students can take up their research work in collaboration with the industries. He hoped that the interaction meetings with industry and corporate houses will be useful in strengthening linkages and will result in better products in future.

Speaking in the meeting, Dr Rajiv Gandhi thanked the University for considering him for the Professor of Practice of this prestigious Institute. He emphasized that being a leader in the Vaccine manufacturing in the country, his aim has always been to promote the technologies developed by the Indian Scientists and take it to the market in affordable prices for the livestock and poultry owners. He discussed the possible collaborations and technology transfer options for the canine and poultry vaccines, mastitis and other economically important diseases and stressed upon the need for active collaboration for developing indigenous vaccines for companion animals.

The matter regarding strengthening infrastructure and facilities at IVRI through CSR funding was also discussed and Dr Rajiv Gandhi has assured that their company will definitely look forward to extend the support through CSR funding for strengthening the infrastructure and education facilities at IVRI. He has also assured that the doors will be opened for the PG students of IVRI for completing a part of their research work with the support of their industry.



Discussions were also held on different up-coming vaccine technologies and the modalities for technology transfer were discussed at length. The meeting was coordinated by Dr Sameer Shrivastava, Principal Scientist & Incharge of Immunology Section and Head of Institute Technical Cell. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr Anuj Chauhan, Incharge ITMU of the Institute.

