

Eastern Regional Station, Kolkata Celebrated 134th Foundation Day of ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar

The Eastern Regional Station (ERS), Kolkata celebrated 134th foundation day of ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Izatnagar, at West Bengal University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (WBUAFS), Mohanpur campus. To commemorate the occasion, the foundation day programme was organised with the theme



“Harnessing research and education for sustainable growth in livestock sector”. Apart from all the scientists of the Regional Station, undergraduate (third and final year) veterinary students of WBUAFS, Kolkata stationed at its Mohanpur campus participated in the programme.

At the outset, Arnab Sen, HoRC, ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata pronounced the objectives of the programme and recalled the glorious history and accomplishments of ICAR-IVRI at national level for overall development of the livestock sector. A presentation on **“ICAR-IVRI: Harnessing the developments in livestock sector**



through Research and Education” was delivered by Dr P. S. Banerjee, PS, ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata, who outlined the achievements of the institute in the areas of animal health, notably development of vaccines such as live modified PPR vaccine, Sheep pox vaccine, Classical Swine Fever Cell Culture Vaccine, homologous live-attenuated LSD vaccine, named Lumpi-ProVac^{Ind} and also vaccine against Ranikhet disease that helps in improving the health and well-being of the animals and birds. Dr Banerjee also briefed the students about



opportunities of higher studies and scope at ICAR-IVRI during his presentation.

This was followed by a talk delivered by Dr D. Mondal, PS, ERS, ICAR-IVRI, and Kolkata on **“AMR in Livestock Perspectives”**.

Addressing the gathering, Dr Mondal highlighted the issue of prudent use of antibiotics and development of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) at the livestock-human interface. He also pointed



out the challenges and opportunities for veterinarians in building a comprehensive AMR surveillance program under One Health Approach in confronting antimicrobial resistance.

Addressing the participants, Dr S. Naskar, PS, ERS, ICAR-IVRI, and Kolkata shared some innovative Ideas during his talk on **“Entrepreneurship Development in Livestock Sector”**. Dr Naskar also gave an insight view on huge opportunities in the sector and urged the

veterinarians to explore the scopes and prospects of Entrepreneurship Development in poultry, diary, goatery, piggery and fodder sector for employment generation and become Atma Nirbhar (Self Reliant). While motivating the students, Dr Naskar also explained about the availability of incubators, start-ups and current schemes of funding



agencies to develop entrepreneurship in livestock sector and urged them to grab the opportunity and become a job giver rather than job seeker. Earlier, Dr (Prof) Binoy Kanta Shil, Dean, Faculty of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, WBUAFS, Kolkata appreciated the efforts of ERS, Kolkata for organizing such event and sensitizing the students of veterinary profession about ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar. With active participation of one and all and support from WBUAFS, Kolkata, the 134th foundation day of ICAR-IVRI celebrated by ERS, Kolkata was a huge success.