

ICAR- Indian Veterinary Research Institute Organized “North Eastern States Animal Husbandry Directors Interface Meet” at Guwahati, Assam

The ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar conducted North Eastern State Animal Husbandry Directors Interface Meet-2023 at Extension Education Institute (N-E region), Khanapara, Guwahati, Assam on 7th February, 2024 in collaboration with its Eastern Regional Station, Kolkata. The interface

meet, attended by the Directors and senior officials of the North Eastern State Animal Husbandry Department, was chaired by Dr Triveni Dutt, Honorable Director-cum-Vice Chancellor, ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar. Dr Probohd Borah, Director (Research), AAU, Khanapara graced the occasion as



Chief Guest of the function. During the programme, Dr Rupasi Tiwari, Joint Director (EE), ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar and Dr Arnab Sen, HoRC, ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata chaired two technical sessions.

Apart from the Joint Directors and Heads of the Divisions of ICAR-IVRI, faculty and students from the main and regional campuses of ICAR-IVRI also joined the programme in hybrid mode.

The objective of the meeting was to the bridge the gap between ICAR-IVRI and North-Eastern states, discuss need-based researchable issues pertaining to animal health and production, and also

to facilitate faster development & dissemination of technologies from lab to end user.



developed by the State Vety Officials for improving livestock health and production, including the newly developed vaccines such as Lumpi-Pro-Vac, IBD vaccine, duck plague vaccine etc., and diagnostics such as blocking ELISA for FMD, competitive ELISA for PPR, Blue tongue sandwich ELISA, JE IgG & IgM ELISA, Multiplex PCR for MTBC, etc. The status of Veterinary Biologicals in North Eastern States was presented by Dr N N Barman, Head, Microbiology Division, AAU, Khanapara, Assam whereas Dr Babloo Kumar, PS, Biological Products Division, ICAR-IVRI, apprised the house regarding various modules of Entrepreneurship Development Programme on animal health and production.

A panel discussion and interaction was held between senior officials of the state departments and the scientists from ICAR-IVRI. During the interactive session, the Directors of North-Eastern States discussed problems related to animal husbandry practice, disease diagnosis, and the need of Entrepreneurship Development Programme for various stakeholders, and capacity building of veterinarians in their states. Further, they were of the opinion that various need-based researchable issues, including development of indigenous



vaccines for new and emerging livestock diseases, ready to use kit for disease diagnosis/pregnancy diagnosis, issues on African Swine Fever-Diagnosis should be taken up by IVRI. There was also demand for conservation of Indigenous breed, revival of bacterial vaccines-Anthrax, HS, BQ at Assam Biological production unit, and testing and validation of prototypes for vaccines and diagnostics at IVRI.

Earlier, Dr. Arnab Sen, Head of the Regional Centre (HoRC), ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata formally welcomed all the dignitaries and guests. The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Dr. P. S. Banerjee, PS, ERS, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata. The entire programme was compered and coordinated by Dr Bablu Kumar, PS, Biological Products, ICAR-IVRI. The Interface Meet highlighted the commitment of ICAR-IVRI in strengthening collaboration between state departments in the field of veterinary science for the advancement of the livestock sector and the welfare of farmers in north-eastern states. It was decided that follow-up meeting will soon be organized to determine the future course of action on mutually agreeable areas of research.