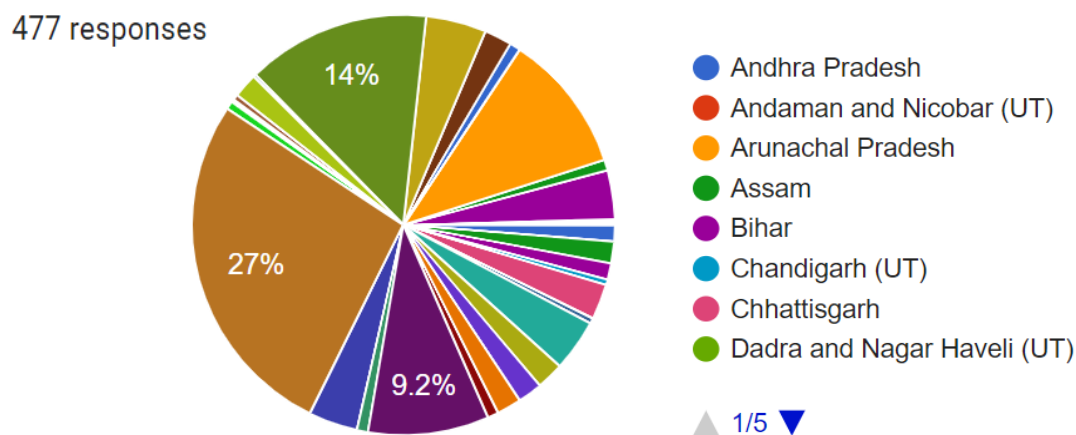


## TEC-IVRI Pune organised a National Webinar on “FMD Awareness: Control and Management of Outbreak” on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Training and Education Centre, ICAR-IVRI, Pune, in collaboration with ICAR-NIFMD successfully organised a National Webinar on "FMD Awareness: Control and Management of Outbreak" on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024. The event was chaired by Dr RP Singh, Director, National Institute of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (NIFMD), Bhubaneswar (Odisha). A total of 477 participants from all the states and union territories of India and neighbouring countries registered for the webinar and 36 participants were physically present.



During the inaugural session of the webinar, the Chief Guest, Dr RP Singh, highlighted the importance of spreading awareness among the practicing veterinarians about the FMD disease for effective control of outbreaks and ultimately its eradication. He also expressed his gratitude to the TEC Pune for organizing the webinar on FMD, a highly challenging and critical disease. Dr HP Aithal, In-charge of TEC, welcomed the guests and participants, and informed the activities and mandates of TEC to the participants, setting the stage for a comprehensive discussion on FMD management. Dr Sanghratna V Bahire, Course coordinator, provided an overview of the webinar, discussing the significance of FMD and its impact on the economy. The Guest of Honour, Dr Suneel Lahane, Joint Commissioner of AH and In-charge Disease Investigation Section, Pune, briefed about the genesis of FMD and various Government Control Programmes. Other guests present on the occasion were Dr YA Pathan, Deputy Commissioner of AH, and Dr HJ Abhyankar, In-charge, Mother Bull Farm (Dept. of AH), Pune.

The technical session started with a brief introduction including the status of FMD in India by Dr SV Bahire. Dr Diwakar Hemadri, Principal Scientist, ICAR-NIVEDI, Bengaluru, explained epidemiology and occurrence of FMD outbreak across the country. Dr Aditya Sahoo, Senior Scientist, ICAR-NIFMD, informed about various methods of FMD diagnosis, sampling, and differential diagnosis in cattle, sheep, goats, and pigs. Dr BP Sreenivasa, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IVRI Bengaluru, detailed strategies for the control and management of FMD through vaccination, discussing different types of vaccines, required doses and schedule, and future vaccine strategies.

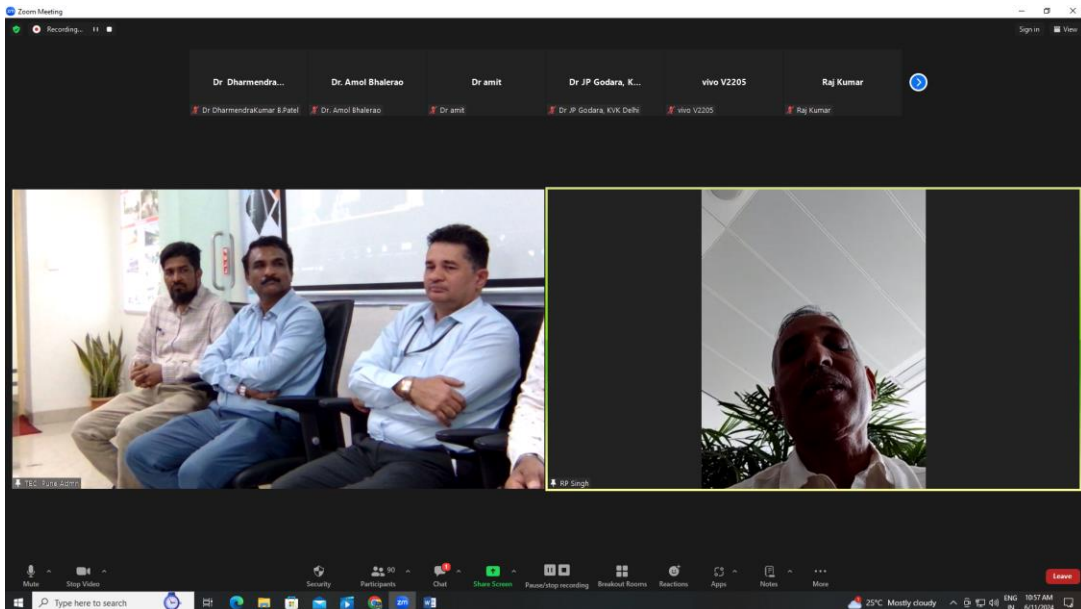
Dr RP Singh, Director ICAR-NIFMD, giving key-note address, emphasized on the five key principles of FMD eradication, including diagnosis, reporting, vaccination, prevention and awareness among the stakeholders.

The technical lectures followed discussion session, wherein there was a robust interaction between the experts and participants. Learned experts including Dr RP Singh, Dr BP Sreenivasa, Dr Aditya Sahoo, Dr TVS Rao and Dr SV Bahire actively participated in the discussion clarifying all the doubts and queries raised by the participants. The webinar marked a significant step forward in the ongoing efforts to control and manage Foot-and-Mouth Disease, leveraging expert knowledge and collaborative discussions to address this vital issue in the field of veterinary science.

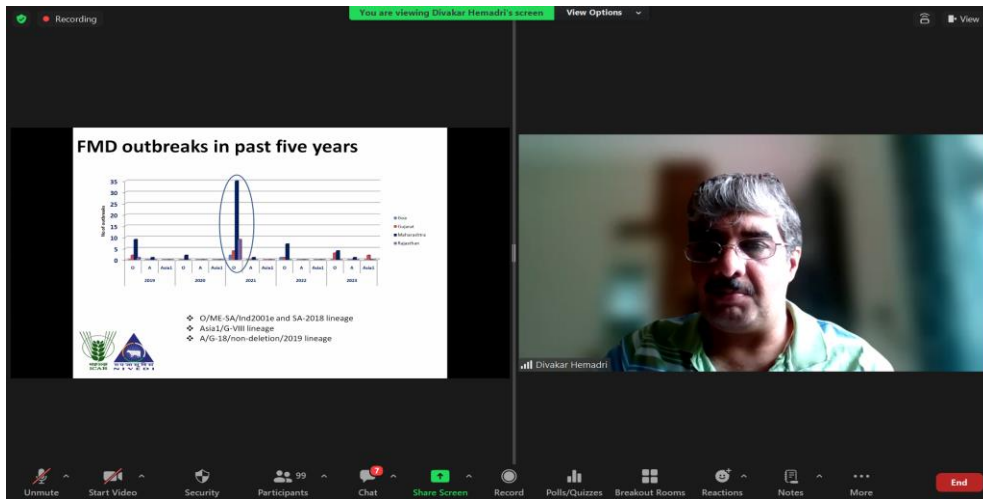
The webinar ended with valedictory session, wherein some of the participants expressed their views and gratitude for organization of webinar on the important disease. The programme was compered by Dr Amol K Bhalerao and Dr SK Das proposed vote of thanks.



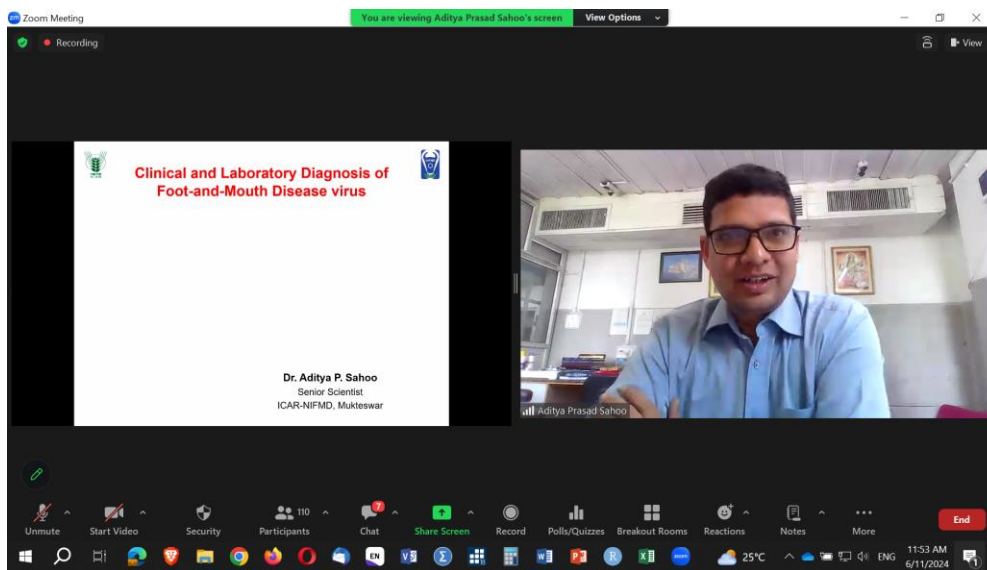
*Dr Sanghratna V Bahire, giving an overview of the webinar during the inauguration*



*Dr RP Singh, Director ICAR-NIFMD, addressing the participants during the inauguration*



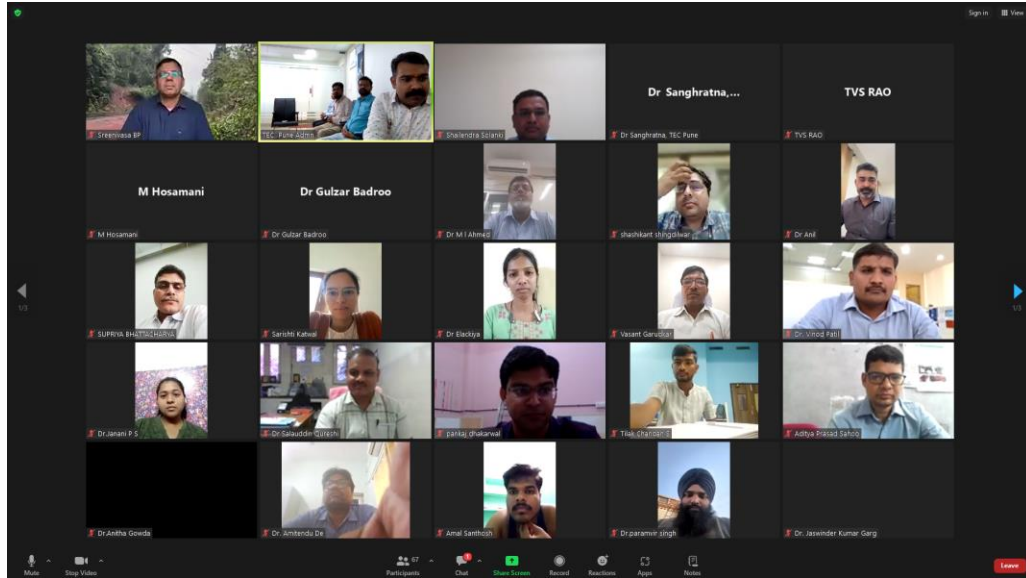
*Dr Divakar Hemadri lecturing on epidemiology and occurrence of FMD*



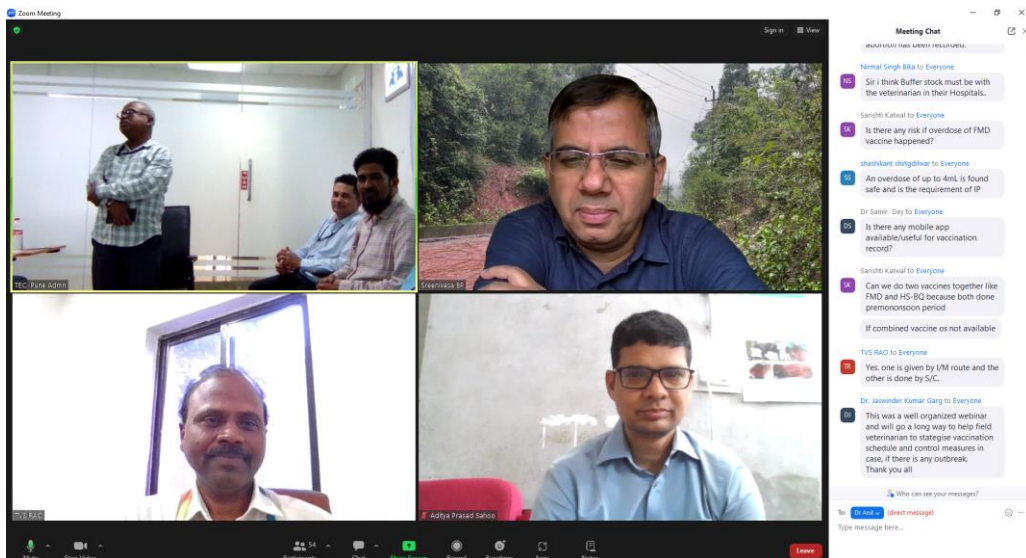
*Dr Aditya Sahoo, spoke about various methods of FMD diagnosis, sampling, and differential diagnosis*



*Dr RP Singh, Director ICAR-NIFMD, giving key note address*



*A view of participants of Webinar*



*A view during the discussion session*