

Stakeholder workshop cum Launching of IVRI-ILRI project

The project 'One Health Initiative to improve food safety in poultry value chain in Uttar Pradesh, India' was launched at IVRI in presence of officials from International Livestock Research Institute, Kenya and International Water Management Institute, Colombo. This project is part of the global initiative of One CGIAR-ILRI across seven countries in Asia and Africa. Dr Ram Pratim Deka, Senior Scientist, ILRI elaborated about the project and gave details regarding the objectives and outcomes expected from the project. Dr Deka said that the project aims to generate evidence on risk to human health from foods of animal origin and intends to do a pilot study for need-based interventions to reduce risk from consumption of meat. The project has the ultimate aim of improving human health through food safety interventions. Dr Mosuhami Hazra, Research Officer, International Water Management Institute spoke about the role of water in understanding the effects of water (quantity and quality) on the occurrence of pathogens in selected commodities and sites. The inaugural session was graced by Dr Kiran Bhilegaonkar, Head, Division of VPH and Dr AR Sen, Head, Division of LPT, IVRI. Dr Bhilegaonkar shared his opinion about the project and expressed his happiness over the implementation of the project at IVRI. Dr Sen presented various aspects of meat value chain in Uttar Pradesh and assured his cooperation in the project. The project will be executed at the Division of Veterinary Public Health at IVRI along with Division of Livestock Products Technology.



The session was followed by stakeholder meeting involving officials from state animal husbandry department of Uttar Pradesh; Bareilly Municipal Corporation; Department of Community Medicine, SRMS IMS, Bareilly; Medical Officers of Human Hospital, IVRI and private medical practitioners from Bareilly city. Meat vendors from Bareilly city were also involved in the discussion. The focused discussions were held with the stakeholders to discuss regarding various problems faced in the meat value chain in Uttar Pradesh. The stakeholders expressed their opinion on various issues faced in the field with reference to food safety and animal husbandry. At the end of the discussion, it was decided to study poultry value chain in Uttar Pradesh. To identify the study area, a field visit will be undertaken to finalize the suitable area. Dr ZB Dubal, Principal Scientist, VPH Division, Dr RS Rathore, Principal Scientist, VPH Division, Dr Himani Dhanze, Scientist, VPH Division, Dr M. Suman Kumar, Scientist, VPH Division, Dr DK Sinha, Principal Scientist, Epidemiology Division and Dr Vinodhkumar OR, Senior Scientist, Epidemiology Division were present during the meeting.

