

CDDL-CADRAD, IVRI and TEC-IVRI, Pune organized a One-Day Interface Meet on Strengthening Animal Disease Diagnostics

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A one-day Interface Meet with the scientists of CDDL-CADRAD and Training and Education Centre (TEC), IVRI, Pune along with the officials of WRDDL, SDDLs and RDILs was organized at the Bharatratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee Western Region Disease Diagnosis Laboratory, Aundh, Pune. The programme aimed at fostering technical collaboration, networking, and capacity building among animal disease diagnostic laboratories across the country. Around 20 officials from WRDDL participated physically, while more than 20 experts from the SDDLs and RDILs including Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat had joined virtually.

The meet was chaired by Dr. Sohini Dey, Joint Director, CADRAD and In-charge, Central Disease Diagnostic Laboratory, who highlighted the strategic importance of integrating the national diagnostic networks. Dr. Kiran Bhilegaonkar, Station In-charge, IVRI, Pune, welcomed all the participants, and provided an overview of the objectives and significance of the interface platform in strengthening diagnostic capabilities with consistent collaboration and coordination. Dr. Y. A. Pathan, Joint Commissioner and In-charge of Western Region Disease Diagnostic Laboratory, Pune, expressed his sincere appreciation for organizing the interface meet in a hybrid format.

During the technical session, Dr. Sohini Dey elaborated on the activities and advanced diagnostic capacities available at CADRAD, IVRI, Izatnagar. She emphasized on the need for stronger collaboration with WRDDL, SDDLs, and RDILs across the Western Region of the country, and introduced the participants to the state-of-the-art infrastructure, technical expertise, and diagnostic facilities available at CDDL-IVRI. She also expressed her views on the utilization of these resources jointly in enhancing the disease surveillance and response mechanisms.

Dr. Sunil Lahane, Deputy Commissioner presented a comprehensive overview of WRDDL Pune, detailing the range of diseases covered, number of samples tested, and diagnostic assets available at the laboratory. This was followed by presentations from various SDDLs, including those from Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Goa, and Madhya Pradesh, who shared their work reports, challenges, and field experiences.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks of Joint Director, CADRAD emphasizing on disease prioritization, collaborative diagnostic support, importance of regular interactions, strengthened networking, and continued knowledge exchange among all the laboratories.

Dr. Sanghratna Bahire and Dr. Shubhangi Gawkare coordinated the programme and Dr Vaishali Wankhede compared the programme. The Interface Meet concluded on a positive note, setting a clear roadmap for enhanced cooperation and the use of standardized diagnostic practices to strengthen the disease diagnostic infrastructure in India.

