



**ICAR-NIVEDI Commemorates 25 Years of Leadership in Veterinary Epidemiology,
Disease Informatics and One-Health**

Bengaluru, 1st July 2025: The ICAR-National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics (ICAR-NIVEDI), Bengaluru, celebrated its 25th Foundation Day today at its campus, marking a significant milestone in its contributions to veterinary research, disease informatics, and One Health. The event was attended by all scientists, staff members, and retired staff of the institute.

The programme commenced with a flag hoisting ceremony and continued as per the scheduled events. Dr. P.P. Sengupta delivered the welcome address, highlighting the institute's journey since its inception as the Project Directorate on Animal Disease Monitoring and Surveillance (PD-ADMAS) in 2000, and its evolution into a premier centre for veterinary epidemiology and informatics. A solemn tribute was paid to Dr. M. Rajasekhar, Founder Director of ICAR-NIVEDI, who passed away last year, in recognition of his pioneering vision and significant contributions to the establishment and development of the institute.

A key highlight of the event was a guest lecture delivered by Dr. D. Sridharan, Chairperson, Institutional Ethics Committee, ChanRe Rheumatology and Immunology Centre, Bengaluru. He spoke on the "Role of Institutional Ethics Committee (Human Studies) for Intervention Studies," emphasizing the ethical considerations involved in scientific research concerning both livestock and human studies.

On this occasion, ten progressive livestock farmers from Karnataka were felicitated for their notable contributions to livestock husbandry and for adopting innovative practices that have enhanced productivity and animal health management in the state.

Several scientists and staff were honoured for their outstanding achievements during the year 2024-25. Dr. G.B.M. Reddy received the Best Publication Award-2025, while Dr. Balamurugan was recognized for securing the highest competitive research grant. Dr. K.P. Suresh was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for winning the National e-Governance Award, and Dr. S.B. Shivachandra was felicitated for receiving the Young Scientist Award from the Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA). Staff achievements in sports were also recognized during the celebration.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Baldev R. Gulati, Director, ICAR-NIVEDI, commended the scientists and staff for their exemplary efforts in securing national and international research grants and for their significant contributions to the fields of livestock epidemiology, disease informatics, and One Health. He lauded the pivotal role of the institute's former Directors—Dr. M. Rajasekhar, Dr. K. Prabhudas, Dr. H. Rahman, Dr. Parimal Roy, and Dr. B.R. Shome—in bringing the institute to great heights through their visionary leadership. He noted that the 25-year milestone is not only a moment to celebrate past accomplishments but also an opportunity to chart the course for the institute's future growth and impact.

The Chief Guest, Dr. Artabandhu Sahoo, Director, ICAR-NIANP, lauded the remarkable achievements of ICAR-NIVEDI and underscored the importance of collaborative research in livestock nutrition and health for ensuring sustainable development in the livestock sector.

Dr. K.P. Suresh, Programme Coordinator, proposed the vote of thanks, expressing his gratitude to all dignitaries, guests, and participants for making the event a memorable success.

