Report on the visit of Hon'ble Deputy Director General (Animal Science), ICAR to ICAR-NIVEDI, Bengaluru on 25th January, 2021

The Hon'ble Dr. B.N. Tripathi, Deputy Director General (Animal Science), ICAR, New Delhi visited the ICAR-NIVEDI, Bengaluru on 25th January, 2021 and inaugurated Rain Water Harvesting (RWH) pond.

During his visit to the state of the art BSL 2++ laboratories, Disease informatics section and NaaViC Agri-Business incubation center, Dr. Tripathi appreciated the multifaceted progressive growth of the institute.

While interacting with the scientific, technical and administrative staff of the Institute, Dr. Tripathi opined that epidemiology is an important subject and epidemiological understanding of the disease is must for effective control and prevention of economically important animal diseases. ICAR-NIVEDI is doing very good work but the expectation is very high to inform the policy makers for effective and impactful animal disease control programs. He appreciated the quality of the research publications of the Scientists and inspired for collective efforts in understanding and dissemination through high impact epidemiology journals.

Addressing the staff of ICAR-NIVEDI and ICAR-IVRI, Bengaluru, Dr. Tripathi applauded the contribution made by scientists from both the institute in control of various animal diseases including FMD and Brucellosis. During the event, Dr Tripathi released book on "Pig Diseases and Management" and a CD on "Sampling plan software".

Earlier, Dr. B R Shome, Director, ICAR-NIVEDI briefed about the Institute's progress and emphasized the need to establish the academic program at the institute and requested to hasten the approval processes for phase wise initiation of certificate, diploma and postgraduate programs in veterinary epidemiology and disease informatics including "One Health". He also sought help from the ICAR for getting the required funding to establish the dedicated Disease informatics network for improved disease data quality and reporting for effective forewarning, Genomics including bioinformatics facilities, experimental animal houses, infrastructure and program related to capacity building on epidemiology and agribusiness incubation centre and related infrastructures to handhold the start-up.