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ICAR-NIVEDI Reviews Research Progress in Mid-Term IRC Meeting

ICAR-NIVEDI held its Mid-Term Institute Research Committee (IRC) meeting for 2025–26 on 6th October 2025, chaired by Director Dr. Baldev R. Gulati. The meeting reviewed progress on 50 research projects, 10 institute-funded and 40 externally funded, covering research work from April to September 2025. Projects were evaluated for scientific merit, progress, and

alignment with institutional and national goals. The committee emphasized a timeline-driven approach to ensure timely completion of project milestones and offered constructive feedback to enhance the scientific rigor, quality, relevance, and overall impact of ongoing research work and provided strategize future directions.



Workshop on Prioritizing Climate-Sensitive Zoonotic Diseases and High-Threat Pathogens Begins in Kochi

A two-day workshop on “Prioritization of Climate Sensitive Zoonotic Diseases and Non-Zoonotic High-Threat Pathogens” held in Kochi to strengthen Kerala’s preparedness for emerging disease threats linked to climate change. The event was jointly organized by ICAR–NIVEDI, the World Bank, the University of Queensland, and ICMR–RMRC Bhubaneswar under the One Health framework. Inaugurating the

workshop, Dr. Rajan N. Khobragade, Additional Chief Secretary (Health & Family Welfare), praised Kerala’s proactive disease surveillance and inter-departmental coordination. Dr. Baldev Raj Gulati, Director, ICAR–NIVEDI, highlighted the State’s strong surveillance and stressed integrating climate data with epidemiological intelligence. Experts from national and international institutions (Dr. Hikuepi Katjuongua and Dr. Deepika





Chaudhery from the World Bank, Dr. Neetha K. Gopal (IMD Kerala), Dr. Sanghamitra Pati (ICMR–RMRC Bhubaneswar), and Prof. Ricardo J. Soares Magalhaes (University of Queensland) shared insights on climate data integration, surveillance modelling, and health system preparedness. Participants identified priority diseases for Kerala, assessed climate-related risks,

and finalized criteria for disease ranking through a multidisciplinary, participatory process. On the second day, an evidence-based ranking of diseases was completed to support Kerala's framework for integrated surveillance and rapid response. Senior officials (Dr. Sanjay D, Nodal Officer (One Health), Directorate of Animal Husbandry, and Dr. Reetha K. P, Additional

Director, Directorate of Health Services) from the health and animal husbandry departments took part in the discussions. Organizing Secretary Dr. Md. Mudassar Chanda Senior Scientist, ICAR–NIVEDI, expressed gratitude to all collaborating partners for their active engagement and support in making the workshop a success.



Brainstorming Session-cum-Workshop on African Swine Fever at ICAR-NEH, Meghalaya

A brainstorming Session-cum-Workshop on African Swine Fever (ASF) held on 24th October 2025 at the ICAR–Regional Complex for the North Eastern Hill (NEH) Region, Umiam, Meghalaya. During the event, Dr. Jagadish Hiremath, Principal Scientist of ICAR–NIVEDI delivered a lead talk on the “**Status of African Swine Fever (ASF) in India**”. The session was attended by the Director, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Government of Meghalaya; the Director, ICAR-RC-



NEH; scientists and staff of the institute; and nearly 30 veterinary officers and pig farmers from across the region. In his presentation, Dr. Hiremath provided the latest updates on the ASF situation in India, along with current insights into the disease's epidemiology. He highlighted critical aspects of ASF surveillance, transmission dynamics, and control measures needed to

mitigate its spread. The workshop served as an excellent platform for meaningful discussions with officials from the Veterinary Department. The interactions on ASF preparedness and control strategies were highly productive and helped identify key priority areas for strengthening regional response efforts.

Vigilance Awareness Week 2025 Observed at ICAR-NIVEDI



ICAR-NIVEDI, Bengaluru, observed Vigilance Awareness Week 2025 from 27th October to 3rd November 2025 with a series of activities aimed at promoting integrity, transparency, and accountability among staff and students. The week commenced on 27th October with the administration of the Integrity Pledge by Dr. S. S. Patil, Principal Scientist and Vigilance Officer, with all scientific, technical, administrative, and contractual staff reaffirming their commitment to ethical conduct and good governance.

On 28th October, a Vigilance Awareness Quiz Competition was organized, attracting enthusiastic participation from both permanent and contractual staff and reinforcing knowledge on vigilance and good governance. Continuing the observance, creative vigilance-themed posters were prepared and displayed at key locations across the institute on 30th October, spreading messages

of honesty and accountability. The week concluded its pre-vaedictory activities on 31st October with an Essay Writing Competition on “Artificial Intelligence in Promoting Transparency and Accountability”, where staff and academic students shared insights on the role of AI in fostering transparency and strengthening institutional governance. These initiatives collectively contributed to enhancing awareness and promoting a culture of integrity at ICAR-NIVEDI.



Celebration of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas at ICAR–NIVEDI

ICAR–NIVEDI observed Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on 31st October 2025 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India. The observance began with Dr. Baldev Raj Gulati, Director, ICAR–NIVEDI, administering the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Pledge to all staff members, reaffirming their commitment to uphold national unity and integrity. A banner was displayed at the institute entrance, highlighting Sardar Patel's life, vision, and monumental contributions to national integration, making the message accessible and inspiring to all visitors and staff. As part of the programme, a short video on Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's life and legacy was screened. The documentary emphasized his role in unifying India and

showcased his dedication to strengthening the nation's administrative and social fabric. The celebration not only paid tribute to Sardar Patel's profound contributions but also served as a reminder that national unity is a collective responsibility. Participants expressed that such observances reinforce institutional culture, promote teamwork, and inspire collective effort toward national development. The observance of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas 2025 at ICAR–NIVEDI successfully rekindled the spirit of oneness and patriotism among all employees. Through the pledge, banner display, and video screening, the institute reaffirmed its unwavering commitment to national unity—echoing Sardar Patel's enduring message that “our strength lies in our unity.”



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