

8th Foundation Day Celebration at ICAR-NIHSAD

ICAR-National Institute of High Security Animal Disease celebrated its 8th Foundation Day in virtual mode on 8th August, 2021 with enthusiasm and fervor. The occasion was attended by the staff and families of ICAR-NIHSAD and invitees from various ICAR institutes and Govt. of Madhya Pradesh. Director Dr. V.P. Singh welcomed the guests and highlighted the achievements of the institute. The visionaries who conceptualized and established the institute were remembered with reverence and fondness. Director also paid rich tributes to the staff of ICAR-NIHSAD who passed away in the past one year. The Dr. B.N. Tripathi, Deputy Director General (Animal Science) of ICAR was the chief guest and presided over the occasion. The dignitaries who were guest of honors included Dr. Ashok Kumar, Assistant Director General (Animal Health), ICAR, Dr. R.K. Mahiya, Director, State Veterinary Services, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, Dr. C. R. Mehta, Director, CIAE, Bhopal. Dr. R.C. Patra, Director IISS, Bhopal and Dr. S. C. Dubey, Joint Director (Rtd.) of HSADL. Dr. Ashok Kumar appreciated the cohesive teamwork of scientists and output on various fronts including research, publications and development of diagnostics and vaccines. Dr. B.N. Tripathi, DDG(AS) appreciated the different research achievements of ICAR-NIHSAD and stressed to work more on basic aspects of exotic diseases and on education and training of biosafety and biosecurity. On this occasion, he released the diagnostic kit “Lateral Flow Rapid Test Kit for Avian Influenza H5 Virus Antigen Detection in Poultry” developed by scientists of ICAR-NIHSAD. The diagnostic kit is a novel immuno-chromatography based assay providing low cost diagnosis of H5 avian influenza, which is the most economically important zoonotic disease affecting poultry. The meeting concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Richa Sood, Principal Scientist.

