

9th Foundation Day Celebration at ICAR-NIHSAD

ICAR-National Institute of High Security Animal Disease celebrated its 9th Foundation Day on 8th August, 2021 with great enthusiasm and fervour. Dr. Bhupendra Nath Tripathi, Deputy Director General (Animal Science) graced the occasion as Chief Guest and presided over the celebrations. 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. The dignitaries who were guest of honours included Dr. R.K. Mahiya, Director, State Veterinary Services, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, Dr. R.S. Chaudhary, Director IISS, Bhopal and Dr. S. C. Dubey, Joint Director (Rtd.) of HSADL. Dr. B.N. Tripathi, DDG (AS) appreciated the research achievements of ICAR-NIHSAD and stressed to work on developing diagnostics and vaccines based on cutting-edge technologies and conducting research on basic science concepts of exotic animal diseases.

On this occasion, DDG (AS) released “Inactivated low pathogenic avian influenza (H9N2) vaccine for chickens” developed by scientists of ICAR-NIHSAD. The vaccine is based on inactivated whole virus using a field isolate from India and is intended for the prevention and control of H9N2 virus infection in chickens that can reduce the economic losses of poultry farmers/industry. This is the first indigenously developed low pathogenic avian influenza (H9N2) vaccine in India. COVID-19 protocols and wearing of face mask were strictly followed during the program. The meeting concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Anamika Mishra, Principal Scientist.



Release of inactivated low pathogenic avian influenza (H9N2) vaccine by DDG (AS)

