

## ICAR-NIHSAD, Bhopal celebrates 23<sup>rd</sup> Foundation Day

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ICAR-National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases, Bhopal celebrated its 23<sup>rd</sup> Foundation Day here today. The function was graced by Chief Guest Dr. Abhijit Mitra, Animal Husbandry Commissioner, Government of India, along with Dr. Umesh Chandra Sharma, President, VCI; Dr. Ashok Kumar, ADG (Animal Health), ICAR; Dr. B. R. Gulati, Director, ICAR-NIVEDI; Dr. R. K. Mehiya, Director, Veterinary Services (MP) and Dr. S. C. Dubey, Ex-Joint Director, ICAR-NIHSAD.

The celebrations started with the plantation drive by the dignitaries. Dr. Aniket Sanyal, Director, ICAR-NIHSAD briefed about the genesis and achievements of the institute and hailed the contributions made by the visionaries in veterinary sciences for planning and commissioning the first bio-containment laboratory of India. The Chief Guest, Dr. Abhijit Mitra emphasized the need for continuous communication with DAHD and also elaborated on the coordination between NIHSAD and DAHD. Dr. Ashok Kumar appreciated the work done by NIHSAD on emerging threats to the animal husbandry sector. While achievements of NIHSAD in the field of exotic and emerging disease were appreciated, the need for BSL4 at NIHSAD was emphasised by all the speakers. The dignitaries wished for greater success and achievements of NIHSAD in control and prevention of exotic and emerging animal diseases in the country. On this occasion, the dignitaries released “**Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD) antibody kit**” developed by team NIHSAD, for serological diagnosis of BVDV in cattle.

A millet awareness campaign was launched during the celebrations and millet products were distributed to all the participants. A scientist-farmer interaction meet and animal health workshop were organized to commemorate the foundation day.

