

**33rd Annual Review Meeting of “Indian FMD Laboratory Network”
Organized at NAASC, New Delhi from 5-6, August, 2026**



The 33rd Annual Review Meeting of the FMD Laboratory Network was held on 5–6 August 2026 at KAPILA Conference Hall, NASC, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Dr. Raghavendra Bhatta, DDG (AS), ICAR. The meeting was organized to review the progress and achievements of the FMD Centres during 2025 and 2026 and to deliberate on strategies for achieving complete control and eventual elimination of FMD in the country. The two-day programme brings together FMD Network Laboratories from different parts of the country for presentations on their activities, achievements and field-level experiences, followed by regional discussions. The inaugural session included a review of the Action Taken Report of the previous ARM, an overview of the FMD Laboratory Network and the work undertaken by the Central Laboratory at ICAR-NIFMD, Bhubaneswar. A key highlight of the meeting was the release of the document **“Emergency Response to Suspected Incursion of Foot and Mouth Disease Virus Serotype SAT-1 in India”, No FMDV Asia-1 serotype detected during last 3 years, significant decline of NSP to the tune of 5.8% (13.9% in 2024 to 8.1% in 2026) and no FMD outbreak peaks during last 4 years.** The concluding session included inputs from special invitees, plenary discussions and recommendations for strengthening the FMD control and elimination programme. The meeting provides an important platform for strengthening coordination among the FMD Laboratory Network, sharing scientific and field-level knowledge, and developing effective strategies towards the national goal of FMD control and elimination.