Dr M L Jat, Hon'ble Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR, visited ICAR-NIFMD

Dr M. L. Jat, Hon'ble Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) and Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), visited the ICAR–National Institute on Foot and Mouth Disease (ICAR-NIFMD), Bhubaneswar on 10-11-2026. He was welcomed by Dr J. K. Mohapatra, Director (A), ICAR-NIFMD. During the visit, the Director briefed him on the Institute's various research and development activities on Foot and Mouth disease (FMD). Accompanied by the Director, Hon'ble DG visited the bio-containment laboratory facility and was briefed about its functioning. He was informed about the volume of samples processed and salient observations from routine surveillance activities under the Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme (LHDCP), vaccine quality control and other diagnostic activities. He also inquired about the laboratory's involvement in the diagnosis of priority diseases under the National One Health Mission (NOHM) and interacted with the young professionals and students working in the facility. He expressed satisfaction for the laboratory's excellent upkeep and maintenance, commending the Institute's efforts to maintain its specialized research infrastructure to a high standard. The laboratory visit was followed by an interaction session with the institute's scientists and administrative staff. The session commenced with a welcome address by the Director, followed by self-introductions by the scientists. During the interaction, Hon'ble DG commended the Institute's immense contribution to the national FMD control programme and its dedicated service to the nation. His first-ever visit to the campus concluded with the planting of a Swarn Champa sapling on the campus.



Director ICAR-NIFMD welcoming Hon'ble Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR



Hon’ble DG visiting the biocontainment facilty and interacting with young professionals.



Hon’ble DG interacting with scientists and administrative staff.



Plantation of Swarn champa tree sapling by Hon'ble DG ICAR.



Hon'ble DG ICAR with the Director, scientists and administrative staff of ICAR-NIFMD.