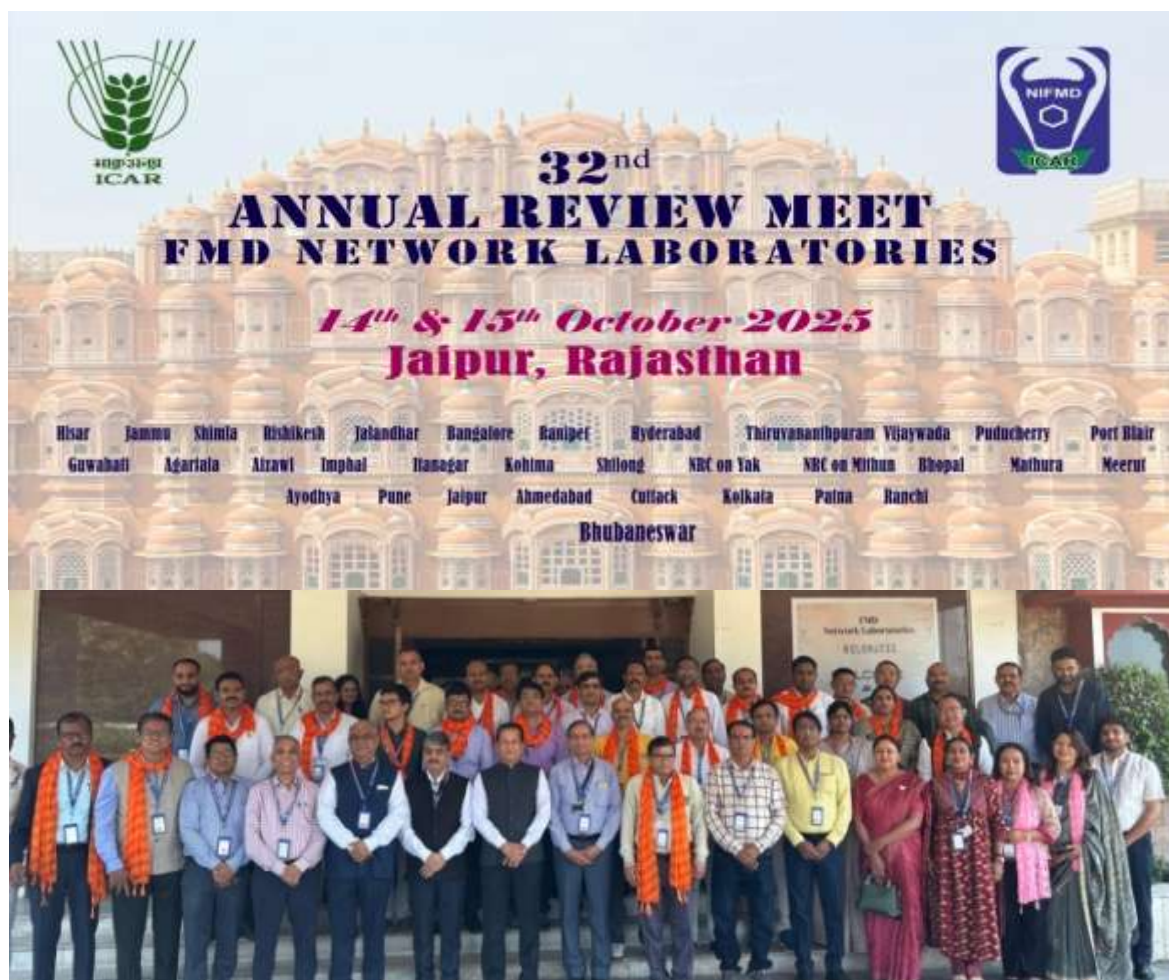


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**32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Review Meeting (ARM) of the  
“Indian FMD Laboratory Network” Organized at  
Jaipur on 14-15 October, 2025**

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The 32nd Annual Review Meeting (ARM) of the “Indian FMD Laboratory Network” was conducted at Jaipur, Rajasthan, during 14–15<sup>th</sup> October 2025. The meeting, was chaired by Dr. Raghavendra Bhatta, DDG (AS), ICAR, and reviewed the progress of FMD Regional and Collaborating Centres for the calendar years 2024 and 2025 (up to September). The meeting was attended by Dr. Divakar Hemadri, ADG (AH), ICAR; Dr. Ashok Kumar, Former ADG (AH), ICAR; Dr Anand Sejra, Director, and other senior officials from the Department of Animal Husbandry, Rajasthan; and Dr. Sujit Nayak, Joint Commissioner (NADCP), along with scientists from 32 FMD Network Laboratories representing 28 States/UTs. Director, ICAR-NIFMD briefed the delegates about the overall activities and new research initiatives taken at the Institute followed by the presentation from all the FMD network laboratories on their activities and progress made so far. The key highlight of the event was the launch of the official logo of the **Indian FMD Laboratory Network**. Awards were conferred upon FMD Centres demonstrating outstanding performance in the Proficiency Testing Scheme (2024). As the national referral institute and FAO Reference Centre on FMD, ICAR–NIFMD provides technical inputs and knowledge support for FMD control programme under Livestock Health

and Disease Control Programme (LHDCP) in India. Since its inception as the All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on FMD in 1968, the institute has played a pivotal role in advancing FMD research and surveillance for over five decades. The recommendations and action points that emerged at the end of the deliberations will further strengthen FMD control mission in order to realize the dream of 'FMD Mukht Bharat.'





