

Inauguration of the “Center for One health” at DBT-NIAB

At DBT’s National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB), Hyderabad, the Center for One Health has been inaugurated jointly on November 3, 2020 at the DBT-NIAB by Dr. N K Ganguli (Ex-DG Indian Council of Medical Research) and Dr. Renu Swarup (Secretary, Department of Biotechnology). In the inaugural address, Dr. Swarup suggested to develop platform technologies for vaccines and diagnostics where National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (DBT-NIAB) should work as an anchor to connect nationally and globally to deliver short and long term goals of One Health.



To meet the country's demand to address one health at a broader platform, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology has initiated efforts towards establishing a consortium of One Health centering around DBT-NIAB, Hyderabad, whose motto is “animal health for human welfare”.

The NIAB, Hyderabad has also flagged this as an issue in the recently held Vaibhav sessions of the Government of India. The health and well-being of the biosphere, *i.e.*, an interconnected coexistence of various species, hinges on interdependent welfare of humans as well as animals. Understanding, addressing and improving animal and human welfare needs a broader approach

through cooperative and collaborative work across several sectors and disciplines at local to global levels. This needs an in-depth study and clear understanding of the shared ecosystem of plants, animals, human and the environment, and is the key to sustainable development.

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