

## DBT-NIAB's first 'World One Health Day' lecture

The National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB), Hyderabad, an autonomous institute of Department of Biotechnology (DBT), celebrated the first "World One Health Day". Dr. NK Ganguli former DG, ICMR delivered NIAB's first "World One Health Day" lecture on November 3, 2020 and emphasized the need to handle emergence of animal borne diseases for human being. He talked about various initiatives taken in India since long towards this cause and shared his vast clinical and research experiences.



One Health concept refers to the collaboration of multiple disciplines (like veterinary, medical and environmental sectors) and groups working locally, nationally and globally to attain optimal health for people, animals and the environment to reduce the disease burden. If diseases can be stopped at the level of animals, many pathogens will not shift to humans taking care of the health of both living beings. It will have a huge economic gain by increase in food productivity and decline in expenses related to health management. One Health is increasingly being acknowledged by national and international institutions as the most constructive approach to address complex issues at the animal-human-environmental interface. Present Covid-19 situation is one of such premises which demand the necessity of multi-sectorial collaboration towards strengthening one health approach.

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