



Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying organizes National Consultation Workshop on “Veterinary Bio Waste Management for Sustainable Livestock and Health”

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The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD), Government of India organised a National Consultation Workshop on Veterinary Bio-Waste Management for Sustainable Livestock and Health on 24 November 2025 in New Delhi, under the Pandemic Fund Project “Animal Health Security Strengthening in India for Pandemic Preparedness and Response”.

The workshop brought together stakeholders from ministries, State Animal Husbandry Departments, research institutions, development partners, private sector entities, and civil society, B. V. Sc. Students of the colleges.

Shri Naresh Pal Gangwar, Secretary, DAHD, in his inaugural address highlighted the importance of biogas and bio-manure at household and community levels, noting the efforts for scaling up its potential through carbon-finance linkages. He stressed upon the urgency of robust livestock and biomedical waste management systems, scientific waste-handling practices, regulatory compliance, and innovative, scalable solutions aligned with One Health preparedness.



Shri R.S. Sinha, Additional Secretary (LH), DAHD, highlighted the department's multi-pronged efforts to strengthen livestock health and highlighted the critical role of effective bio-waste management in outbreak control and enhancing global acceptability of livestock products. Senior officials including **Dr. Praveen Malik (AHC)**, **Dr. Muthukumarasamy B (JS-NLM)**, **Dr. V. Jaya Chandra Bhanu Reddy (Director-LH)**, and representatives from the World Bank and the Pandemic Fund Secretariat emphasised the need for strengthened bio-waste systems for improved animal and public health.

The workshop saw wide participation from State/UT officials, CPCB, ILRI, ICAR institutes, NDDB, Vice Chancellors of State Veterinary Universities, and private-sector representatives. Discussions focused on policy and regulatory frameworks, State-level challenges, existing practices, circular-economy approaches, and waste management across dairy, poultry, and meat sectors, including during disease outbreaks and natural disasters.



Broadly the key outcomes included the developing a comprehensive National Action Plan/ Guidelines, improved infrastructure and capacities taking the good practices at field level for adoption. Participants committed to closer inter-sectoral coordination and continued technical collaboration under the Pandemic Fund Project to strengthen national systems for sustainable veterinary and livestock waste management.

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