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IPFT, Gurugram, Achieves NABL Accreditation for Biostimulant Testing under ISO/IEC 17025:2017

Strengthens national capacity for quality assurance and regulatory testing of Biostimulants

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The Institute of Pesticide Formulation Technology (IPFT), Gurugram, an autonomous institute under the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India, has achieved a significant milestone by securing accreditation from the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) under ISO/IEC 17025:2017 for its biostimulant testing and analytical facilities.

The accreditation certificate, bearing Certificate No. NABLT1026HR19813 (in lieu of TC-14306), is valid up to 15 August 2030. This accreditation recognises the Institute's technical competence and quality management systems for the testing activities covered under its approved scope.

The achievement follows the Government of India's Gazette Notification No. 4242, dated 25 September 2025, issued under the Fertilizer (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Order, 1985. Under Clause 29(1C) of the Order, IPFT, Gurugram, was designated for the analysis of biostimulant samples collected by Inspectors in accordance with the prescribed procedure under Part C of Schedule VI.

Pursuant to this statutory recognition, IPFT undertook focused initiatives to strengthen its laboratory infrastructure, analytical methodologies, quality management systems and technical competence in accordance with ISO/IEC 17025:2017 and the applicable requirements of the Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Order, 1985.

The Institute systematically strengthened its analytical capabilities, testing protocols, quality assurance practices and laboratory management systems, culminating in the achievement of NABL accreditation.

This accomplishment reflects the collective commitment and dedicated efforts of the scientists, technical personnel, quality management team and supporting staff of IPFT. Their sustained efforts and scientific contributions have played a pivotal role in achieving this important institutional milestone.

The accreditation is expected to further strengthen the reliability and credibility of biostimulant testing and contribute to quality assurance, regulatory compliance and the effective implementation of the regulatory framework governing biostimulants in India. It also reinforces IPFT's commitment to providing scientifically robust analytical services to government agencies, regulatory authorities, industry and other stakeholders in the agricultural sector.

From statutory recognition through the Government Gazette to accreditation under an internationally recognized laboratory quality standard, this achievement represents an important step in IPFT's continuing efforts towards scientific excellence and institutional strengthening.

The Institute of Pesticide Formulation Technology (IPFT), Gurugram, is an autonomous institute under the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India.

Established in 1991, the Institute is dedicated to research and development in pesticide formulation science and technology, analytical characterization, bio-evaluation and pilot-scale demonstration. IPFT provides scientific and technical support to the agrochemical sector through research, analytical testing, regulatory studies and technology development.

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