Brief Report on **World AMR Awareness Week (WAAW) from 18th to 24th November 2023** at ICAR-NIVEDI, Bengaluru

World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW) is a global campaign that is celebrated annually to bring awareness and understanding of antimicrobial resistance and encourage best practices among the public, one health stakeholders and policymakers, who all play a critical role in reducing the further emergence and spread of AMR. This year, the theme of WAAW is **“Preventing Antimicrobial Resistance Together’’** with **“GO BLUE”** campaign. We call on all sectors to encourage the prudent use of antimicrobials and to strengthen preventive measures addressing AMR, working together collaboratively through a One Health approach. ICAR-NIVEDI is celebrating World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW) every year in November month since 2018. This year also, we have conducted various activities to create awareness about antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and its impact on livestock, humans, and environmental health.

On 20-11-23, we have organized Go blue campaign at the campus. Dr Baladev Raj Gulati, Director NIVEDI, Scientists, administrative and research staff of the institute collectively took the pledge on preventing AMR together and for judicious use of antibiotics in animals and humans to safeguard the health of all. On the same day, a seminar on advancements of diagnosis of AMR and emerging pathogens was organized for scientists and research scholars at NIVEDI.

On 21-11-23, we organized a Farm school and scientist-farmer interactive program with dairy farmers in Gulur village of Tumkur District of Karnataka where more than 120 farmers, dairy cooperative members, veterinary doctors took active participation. The primary objective of the program was to bring all the stakeholders of Tumkur district milk producers cooperative society together to address the AMR and antibiotic misuse in livestock sector. Dr. Girish Babu Reddy, Deputy director, Animal husbandry and Veterinary Sciences, Tumkur District addressed the farmers and veterinary officers to take collective responsibility for preventing AMR and stop antibiotic misuse in animals. Dr Prasad TM, Manager of cooperative society and Dr Rajeswari Shome, principal scientist, NIVEDI and other officials were present. During the interaction, a resolution was declared that, the farmers should always follow the advice of veterinary doctors for the treatment of animals and to avoid self-medication to animals. Progressive farmers who are following good animal husbandry practices were felicitated during the program. The farm school event was coordinated by Dr Shivasharanappa N, senior scientist, and research staff of AMR lab, NIVEDI.

On 22nd November, various activities such as quiz and poster competition on the theme of WAAW- 2023 were held for staff and research scholars of the institute. On 23rd, a scientist-student interactive program at Siddaganga Composite Junior College, Budigere, Bengaluru was organized to impart knowledge on antibiotics use/abuse, AMR and its impact on public health. A total of 150 students from 9th and 10th class have taken active participation in the discussion. Later during the program, a feedback was collected from students by organising the competition on ‘Talk for a minute on AMR’ and winners were awarded with prizes and certification. On 24th, the valedictory program of WAAW-2023 was conducted to summarise the various events of the week. The Director in his remarks appreciated efforts of AMR team and applauded the contributions of NIVEDI in AMR research since 15 years. He called upon all the stakeholders collectively come together and prevent AMR in livestock, humans and environment by following one health approach. The WAAW-2023 events were coordinated by Dr Shivasharanappa N and research team of NIVEDI as per guidelines of FAO-WAAW campaign guide.