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National Animal Resource Facility for Biomedical Research opens at Genome Valley, Hyderabad

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ICMR-NARFBR has potential to make India a key global player in Biomedical research in 21st-century and play a crucial role in improving health and welfare of the nation: Dr Mansukh Mandaviya



Union Health Minister, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya recently inaugurated ICMR-NARFBR (Indian Council of Medical Research-National Animal Resource Facility for Biomedical Research) at Genome Valley, Hyderabad in presence of C. Malla Reddy, Minister of Labour and Employment, Telangana.

The significance of NARFBR can be adjudged from the fact that study of animals in biomedical research becomes crucial in discovering causes, diagnosis and treatment of zoonotic agents and diseases.

NARFBR is an apex facility which will provide ethical care and use and welfare of laboratory animals during research. The newly build centre will work as the state-of-the-art facility for not just ethical animal studies but spans from basic, applied to regulatory animal research.

It will help in capacity building of new researchers and will create processes for pre-clinical testing of new drugs, vaccines and diagnostics within the country along with quality assurance checks.

Dr Rajiv Bahl, Director General of ICMR and Secretary of the Department of Health Research, termed the facility to be not just best in the country but biggest in the world. “From availability of various animals for ethical research to strengthening various processes under one umbrella, NARFBR would be an asset for the country to deal with zoonotic diseases” he added.