## ICAR-NBFGR'S Aquatic Animal Health Laboratory receives ISO/IEC 17025:2017 Accreditation

ICAR-NBFGR's Aquatic Animal Health Laboratory has received ISO/IEC 17025:2017 accreditation for detecting 25 important aquatic animal pathogens, including those listed by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and emerging pathogens affecting finfish, crustaceans, and molluscs. It is to be noted that ICAR-NBFGR has a unique mandate for detecting exotic pathogens, and the institute is coordinating the National Surveillance Programme for Aquatic Animal Diseases (NSPAAD) funded under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana, Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India. The programme is implemented pan India through 33 NSPAAD collaborating centres. In this context, the ISO/IEC 17025:2017 accreditation is highly significant, and will help to gain international acceptance of the testing results, reinforce the laboratory's technical/operational excellence and enhance the credibility of Aquatic Animal Health Laboratory of ICAR-NBFGR.

