



Prof. Dilip Kumar Sarma, ICAR National Fellow, Deptt. of Microbiology, College of Vet. Sci.,Khanapara, Guwahati, has joined as the new Director of the Institute on 01.01.2013

### **Biography:**

Dr. Dilip Kumar Sarma received his B.V.Sc & A.H. Degree from Assam Agricultural University in 1978securing first class first position. He did his M.V.Sc and Ph.D degrees in Veterinary Bacteriology and Virology from Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, India in 1981 and 1987 respectively. He had one year post doctoral research training at the AFRC Institute for Animal Health, Pirbright Laboratory, Surrey, U.K. under Commonwealth Govt. Scholarship. He has worked as Lecturer, Asstt. Professor, Virologist and as a Professor in the Department of Microbiology, Assam Agricultural University, Khanapara, Guwahati, since 2004. He has received the National Fellow Award of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi, India to work in a project on Classical swine fever and he has been working in the project since 2005. He has guided four Ph.D students, published two textbooks and 165 research papers in the National and International Journals and several popular scientific articles. He has independently completed two externally funded research projects and associated with three research projects. He has received the Assam Agricultural University Gold Medal for securing first position in B.V.Sc. & A.H. degree. He is the fellow of the National Academy of Veterinary Sciences since 2004, Member on the New York Academy of Sciences, life member of several scientific organizations and associate Editor of the Indian Journal of Virology. He has developed a cell culture attenuated vaccine or classical swine fever and validated diagnostic tests for the disease. His field of interest is in veterinary virology particularly on development of diagnostics and vaccine against important viral diseases of livestock.