

student hostels/ Farmer hostels on the first-come-first basis against the confirm registration.

Travel information

Road: The Institute is located in Medziphema block of Dist. Dimapur, Nagaland which is 25 km away from Dimapur on the National Highway 29 that connects Kohima (50 km), Imphal and the Myanmar border at Moreh. The road distance between Guwahati and Dimapur is 308 Km (via Doboka, NH27/ NH29) and 385 Km (via Numaligarh, NH 29)

Rail: Dimapur (DMV) rail station, on Lumding-Dibrugarh section of Northeast Frontier Railway, is well connected to major cities of India and there are direct train services to cities like Guwahati (250km), Dibrugarh (256 km), Kolkata (1270 km), New Delhi, Bangalore, Chandigarh, Amritsar, and Chennai. Besides, several Mail/Express trains, 12067/ 12068 Jan Shatabdi Express, 12085/ 12086 Shatabdi Express and three (12236/12235, 12436/ 12435, 12424/12423) Rajdhani Express regularly ply between Guwahati and Dimapur.

Air: Dimapur is also connected to major cities of India via Kolkata by Indigo (6E377/ 6E417) and Air India (AI 709/AI 710, **does not ply on Saturday**) flight. Dimapur (DMU) Airport is located 19 km from the Institute and 6 km from the Dimapur city.

Weather condition in Medziphema

Medziphema, spreads over a very wide beautiful landscape and its altitude is about 360 m above the sea level. It is neither a hill nor a valley and actually represents an interface of the Hilly Nagaland and the valleys as the actual hill region more or less start after this area as we move up towards Kohima. During the month of October-November the day temperature may go up to 29 °C and night temperature may fall up to 19 °C.

Tourist attractions

Nagaland, popularly known as "Land of festivals", a mountainous state in North-East India, bordering Myanmar is a home to diverse indigenous tribes, with festivals and markets celebrating the different tribes' culture. Its capital city of Kohima, which is 75 km away from Dimapur, is one of the major tourist attractions. The places of interests are the Kohima War Cemetery, Nagaland State Museum, Kisama Heritage village,



Khonoma village, Japfu Peak, and Dzukou Valley. In Dimapur, the major tourist attractions are Kachari ruins, Ranagpohar Reserve Forest and shopping centres. Other places of interest in Nagaland are Saramati Peak, Tuensang; Doyang River, Wokha; The intellectual capital of Nagaland, Mokokchung; Land of Konyak, Mon. The renowned Kaziranga National Park is 136 km away from Dimapur.

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The Indian Society for Veterinary Immunology & Biotechnology (ISVIB) in collaboration with ICAR-National Research Centre on Mithun, Nagaland is organizing **XXV Annual Convention & National Conference VIBCON-2018** on "Innovative Biotechnological Approaches for Improving Animal Health and Productivity" at ICAR-NRC on Mithun, Medziphema, Dimapur, Nagaland from **30th October to 1st November 2018**. The convention will give a unique opportunity to the academicians, scientists, and students pursuing research on diverse aspects of Veterinary Immunology and Biotechnology by taking part and sharing their research findings with the assemblage of professionals and experts.

About ICAR-NRC on Mithun

ICAR-National Research Centre on Mithun, established in the year 1988, being the only research organization in the world, is exclusively working for the continual improvement and conservation of Mithun (*Bos frontalis*). The Institute has two campuses viz., Medziphema (Dimapur district) and Porba (Phek district) of Nagaland at about 300 and 2133m above the mean sea level.

During the last 30 years, the Institute has not only generated invaluable scientific data towards the understanding of this unique species but also the developed several packages of practices and technologies. Conservation efforts including taming of mithun and demonstrating an alternative system of semi-intensive rearing of mithun like other bovine species resulted in the complete domestication of the species. Popularization efforts led to the adoption of scientific rearing of mithun by the tribal communities of North Eastern Region (NER) with better returns. For more details visit www.nrcmithun.res.in.



About Indian Society for Veterinary Immunology and Biotechnology (ISVIB)

ISVIB is the premier conglomerate organization of more than 1000 Veterinary and Animal Scientists from the disciplines of Biotechnology, Immunology, Microbiology, Preventive Medicine, Parasitology, Animal Reproduction, Animal Physiology, Animal Genetics & Breeding, Fisheries Sciences and related disciplines of Animal Health & Production, with the objective of fostering the growth of veterinary immunology and biotechnology in the area of biological technology. The ISVIB was started in the year 1990 with a motive to discuss, analyze and formulate suitable

strategies for safeguarding the animal health, and thus to ensure improved animal production. The ISVIB organizes annual national conventions and symposia to critically analyze and update our knowledge and understand issues concerning animal production and health.

Awards & recognition

The Society recognizes outstanding contributions of individuals in the field of Veterinary Immunology and Biotechnology and confers various awards and travel grants to outstanding scientists. The coveted awards include:

- ISVIB Young Scientist Award
- ISVIB Mid-career Scientist Award
- GADVASU Woman Scientist Award
- Lingard Memorial and Burnett Team Award

In addition, some travel grants are also awarded to the deserving post-graduate students who apply well within the time. The contestants must be enrolled as life member of ISVIB at the time of application submission deadline. The hard copies of the full paper for young scientist award (age below 35 years), mid-career scientist award (age between 36-50 years) and other awards should be sent to Dr A Thangavelu, Secretary, ISVIB, Department of Veterinary Microbiology, Madras Veterinary College, Vepery, Chennai-600 007, Tamil Nadu, latest by **October 5, 2018**, along with a soft copy to thangavelu_a@hotmail.com.

A copy of the award application should be sent to the Organizing Secretary, XXV Annual Convention of ISVIB (VIBCON-2018). Membership application form, detailed guidelines for awards and application proforma for awards can be downloaded from the Society website: www.isvib.org.



Theme areas of VIBCON-2018

- Emerging and transboundary diseases
- Food and Nano -biotechnology
- Production and reproduction Biotechnology
- Infection and Immunity
- Biotechnological intervention for improving the animal productivity of North-Eastern Hilly region

Participation and registration

All delegates must register to participate in the VIBCON-2018 in the prescribed Registration Form, which can be downloaded from the website <http://nrcmithun.res.in/VIBCON2018>. Payment for registration fee may be made as a Demand Draft from any nationalized bank in favor of "XXV Annual Convention of ISVIB and VIBCON-2018" payable at State Bank of India, Medziphema Branch, Dimapur (IFSC: SBIN0006759, Current Account No. 37861331961) and sent to Dr. Abhijit Mitra, Organizing Secretary, VIBCON-2018, ICAR-National Research Centre on Mithun, Medziphema-797106, Nagaland. The registration fee can also be directly transferred to above bank account and transaction details may be sent along with the scanned copy of the duly signed Registration Form through email at vibcon2018@gmail.com.

Registration Fee (Rs)

	Till 5 th Oct. 2018	After 5 th Oct. 2018
ISVIB Members	4500	5000
Non-ISVIB Members	5500	6000
PG students/ Research Scholars/RA/SRF/JRF	3000	3500
Accompanying persons	3000	3500
Industry Delegates	8000	10000
Retired ISVIB Members	3000	3500

Abstract Submission

Participation in VIBCON-2018 is open to all scientists, faculty members, research students, veterinarians and professionals, who are working in the field of Veterinary Immunology, Animal Biotechnology and related disciplines. Abstracts for Oral/Poster presentation should be in a maximum of 300 words including the title, authors, and address. Abstracts should be prepared in MS Word, Times New Roman, 12 font size, and single space leaving 1" margin on the left and right sides of a page. The e-mail ID and affiliation of the presenting author must be clearly given in the abstract and in the registration application. The abstract should be submitted in **electronic form only** on or before **30th September 2018** as an e-mail attachment to vibcon2018@gmail.com. The acceptance will be communicated to the presenting author through e-mail only.

Accommodation

A very limited number of accommodations are available in the guest houses in the nearby Govt. institutes/ organizations. Therefore, almost all the delegates will be provided accommodation in the hotels located in Dimapur town. The approximate tariffs for hotel accommodation are ranging from Rs 1500 to 3500 per day. Preferably, the Hotel booking may be made directly by the participants. For further details about the list of the hotels and tariff, please visit our website: <http://nrcmithun.res.in/VIBCON2018>. In exceptional cases, the hotel accommodation may be reserved on receipt of the advance payment to "XXV Annual Convention of ISVIB and VIBCON-2018". As far as possible, students/ research scholars will be accommodated in the