Inauguration of MVRDL to test COVID-19 samples

Defence Minister inaugurated a **Mobile Virology Research and Diagnostics Laboratory (MVRDL)** through video conference to test COVID-19 samples. It has been **developed by Defence Research and Development Organization- DRDO** in association with ESIC Hospital, Hyderabad and Private industry.

The Mobile Viral Research Lab is the combination of a BSL 3 lab and a BSL 2 lab essential to carry out the activities. The labs are built as per WHO and ICMR Bio-safety standards to meet international guidelines. The Mobile Lab will be helpful to carry out diagnosis of COVID-19 and also virus culturing for drug screening, and comprehensive immune profiling of COVID-19 patients towards vaccine development. This lab can be positioned anywhere in the country, as per requirement.