**CD4 EQAS**

CD4 count is being used as a marker of disease progression in HIV infection. It is used to monitor the response to antiretroviral therapy. Hence, it is of utmost importance that the testing laboratory could provide accurate and reproducible CD4 count for making correct decisions in clinical settings. ICMR-NITVAR is conducting the CD4 EQAS activity in India since 2005. ICMR-NITVAR functions as an Apex laboratory for conducting the CD4 EQAS and currently around 450 laboratories under national network are enrolled under the program. . Since 2015, this activity has been extended to the private laboratories also on payment basis. The laboratories willing to participate in this program have to enroll by sending the registration form.

The dully filled registration form can be sent to the PT provider by email before the commencement

of round. Please read the instructions carefully before filling up the form.