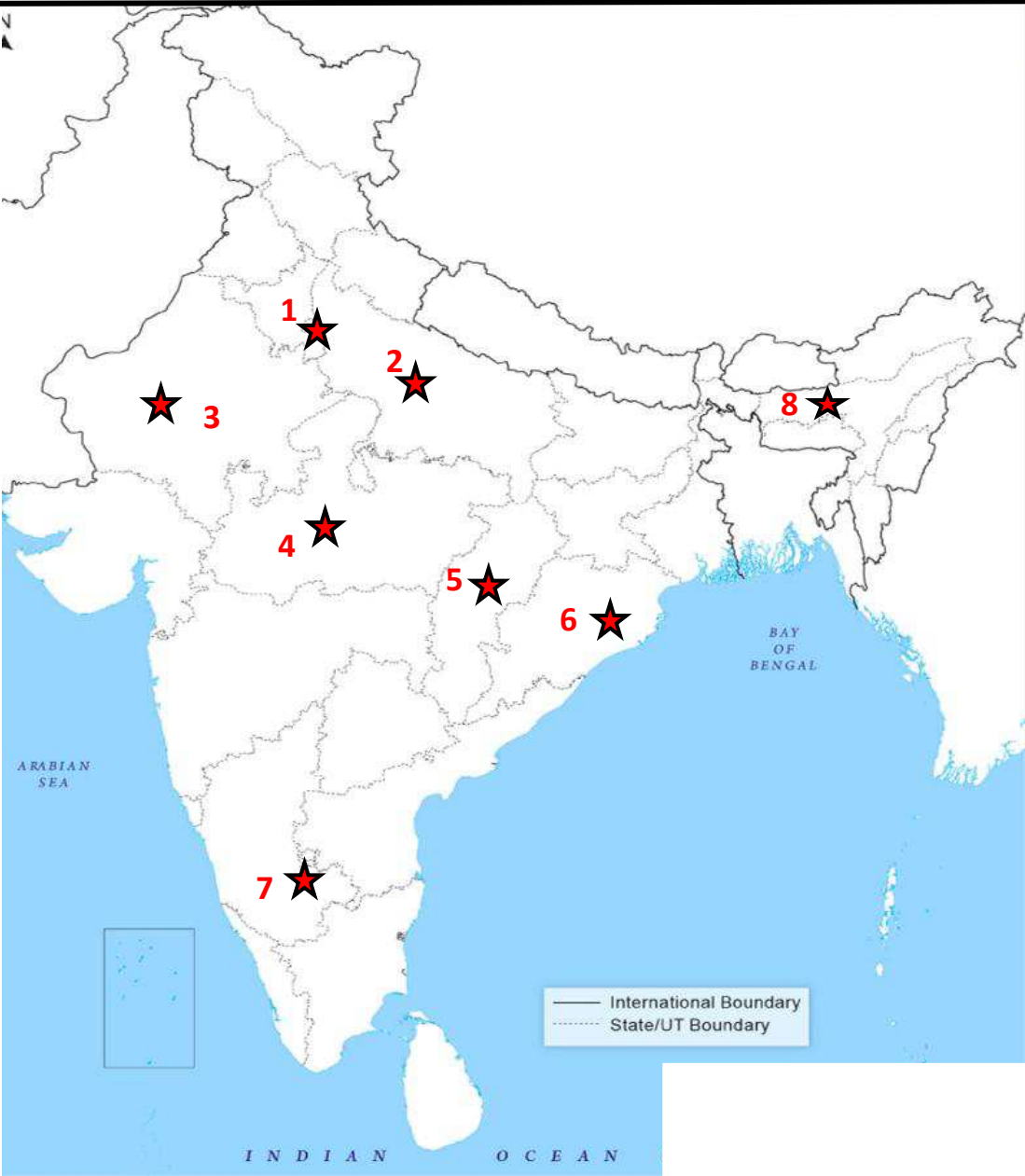


IRDL Sites



| S.N | Proposed IRDL site |
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| 1 | All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi |
| 2 | King George's Medical University, Lucknow |
| 3 | All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur |
| 4 | All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhopal |
| 5 | All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Raipur |
| 6 | All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhubaneswar |
| 7 | Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, Bengaluru |
| 8 | Gauhati Medical College, Guwahati |

Infectious Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratories

The Indian Council of Medical Research is in the process of establishing “Infectious Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratories (IRDLS)” in State/Central Govt run institutes and medical colleges with functioning Virus Research and Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDLs), with the view of strengthening the verticals of diagnostic Bacteriology, Mycology and Parasitology. These institutes shall serve as Regional Referral level labs for diagnosis and research on infectious diseases, and shall be supported by ICMR with funding for equipment, infrastructure, manpower and consumables. These institutes shall have the following mandate:

- Quality assured advanced diagnostic testing of infectious diseases, including outbreak investigation
- Syndromic surveillance of infectious diseases
- Role as biorepositories/biobanks with well characterized relevant microbe strains and clinical samples
- Role as certified PT panel providers for infectious disease testing
- Role as accredited in-vitro diagnostics evaluation centers

ICMR has shortlisted eight (08) VRDLs for the establishment of IRDLs in the pilot phase through rigorous internal and external review, including on-site assessment. These sites (enlisted in Table 1) are in various stages of IRDL establishment.

Table 1: Eight IRDLs selected by ICMR in the pilot phase

| Region | IRDL Site | Funding status |
|------------------|--|-------------------------|
| North India | King George’s Medical University, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh | Funded in August 2024 |
| North India | All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi | Funded in December 2024 |
| Central India | All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Raipur, Chhattisgarh | Funded in August 2024 |
| Central India | All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh | Funded in December 2024 |
| South India | Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, Bengaluru, Karnataka | Funded in August 2024 |
| Eastern India | All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhubaneswar, Odisha | Funded in December 2024 |
| Western India | All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur, Rajasthan | Awaiting funding |
| North-East India | Gauhati Medical College, Guwahati, Assam | Awaiting funding |

ICMR intends to establish at least 10 IRDLs by early 2025 to significantly strengthen the diagnostic and research capacity of the country.