

## Observation of World Rabies Day in India

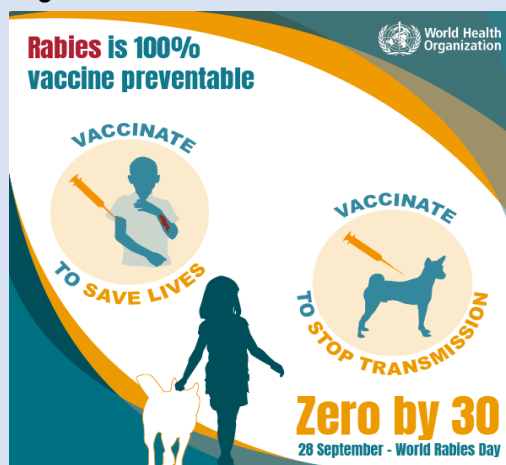
'*World Rabies Day*' is observed worldwide to mark the death anniversary of Louis Pasteur, a French biologist, microbiologist and chemist who developed the first rabies vaccine. It's a day where Anti Rabies actions are collated, intensified and showcased.



One Health recognizes that the health of people is connected to the health of animals and the environment. Rabies is a classical "One Health" challenge wherein more than 99% of deaths arise from exposure to a rabid dog. This disease does not fit into the domain

of any one single department having the responsibility of controlling Rabies. Mortality and morbidity is seen in humans and animals, but the impact is highest in human beings.

Additionally, the disease has no cure, but could have been completely prevented has always disconcerted the Medical community. After a dog bite, Vaccines are available to prevent *Canine Rabies* as well as *Human Rabies*. However, imperfect awareness compounded by variable accessibility of PEP has resulted in the persistence of human rabies fatalities. For prevention, control and elimination of Rabies an effective and concerted efforts from Animal Husbandry /health Department, Public Health Department, Local self-governing bodies, Private medical /veterinary organization, universities and other stakeholders, is the need of the hour.



The theme for this year is '*World Rabies Day*' is *Vaccinate to Eliminate*.

SUCCESSFUL RABIES control programs in the world had concluded that apart from post exposure prophylaxis and advocacy, 'School based rabies education' has been an efficient model for reaching large numbers of children who are the primary victims of animal bites. LECTURES containing simple messages can improve rabies prevention through appropriate

behavior, such as immediately washing bite wounds and seeking post-exposure vaccination.

WORKING towards implementing this idea and in a true spirit of 'One Health', this year Division of Zoonotic Diseases Program, NCDC, New Delhi took leadership to advocate collaborative observation of *World Rabies Day (WRD)* in co-ordination with Delhi governments School Health Programme, Municipal cooperation of Delhi, NGOs, Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs), Private Medical Organizations and Private Veterinary Organizations.

COMMUNICATIONS were sent from the Division to all the State Nodal Officers of NRCP, Medical Associations, Veterinary Associations and private hospitals to organize WRD. A communication was also sent by Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), New Delhi to all the State Animal Husbandry Department for observing *World Rabies Day*.

Multimedia spots of Anti-Rabies Campaigns published on the NCDC website were distributed by the State Nodal Officers of NRCP for advocating about Rabies. Audios and Videos for Mass Media Campaign for All India Radio and DD Television channel has also been created by the DZDP which would be disseminated once the DZDP has approval.

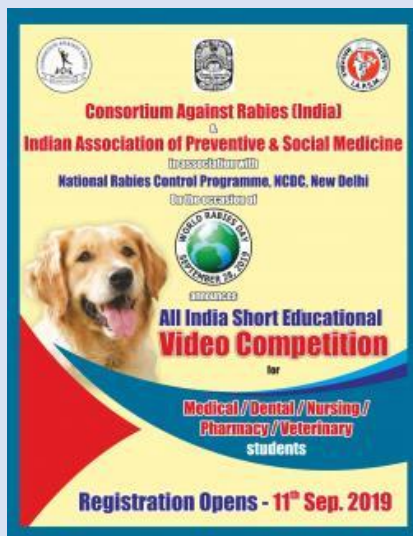
ON 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019, the Department of Veterinary Services of South Municipal cooperation of Delhi and East Municipal cooperation of Delhi planned to conduct FREE CANINE RABIES VACCINATION DRIVES in southern and eastern zones of Delhi.



A PUBLIC TALK for primary school children, teachers and general public on *Prevention and Control of Rabies* by officials and consultants of DZDP, NCDC was organized in MCD schools and in a camp. A Vaccination and sterilization DRIVE was also planned within the NCDC Campus of Delhi by North Municipal cooperation of Delhi.



DZDP participated in a panel discussion for Rabies arranged by PEDICON and also delivered a lecture in a Scientific Symposium for UPDATE ON RABIES CONTROL IN INDIA organized by Vardhaman Mahavir Medical College, Safdarjung.



A pan India 'Short Educational Video Competition' was planned by Consortium against Rabies, Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine and National Rabies Control Program. Students of Medical, Veterinary Dental/Nursing/and Pharmacy colleges participated in this competition.

Through this newsletter the Division of Zoonotic Disease Program of National Center for Diseases has attempted to showcase the CONCERTED efforts taken by various Departments, and Agencies throughout the country on

**WORLD RABIES DAY 2019.**

The day began with Dr. Simmi Tiwari announcing and inviting general public on the **RADIO - FM RAINBOW** about the locations of Free Rabies Vaccination camps for Dog by Municipal Cooperation Delhi and public talk by



A Canine Anti-Rabies Vaccination and Sterilization drive was organized especially for NCDC Delhi campus in association with NDMC.

A Lecture On, '**UPDATE ON RABIES CONTROL IN INDIA**' at Safdarjung Medical College for Undergraduate, Post Graduate and Faculty Member of Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi



**E.D.M.C CAMP AT KRISHNA NAGAR, DELHI**  
Dr Simmi Tiwari, delivered a TALK in camp for public and RWA members, A FREE vaccination was drive was conducted at the camps by the EDMC



**MCD School at Raja Garden, Delhi**

Dr. Ajit Shewale, Assistant Director, NCDC gave a lecture about on prevention of dog bites and dos and don'ts of post dog bites to school children in a Primary School

**PEDICON 2019**

On 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019, Dr Ajit Shewale participated as one of the panelist on 'Rabies Guidelines in North India' BY Indian Association of Pediatrician.



Winners of the pan India 'Short Educational Video Competition' organized by Consortium against Rabies, Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine and National Rabies Control Program.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Prize

College of Veterinary Science, Tirupati,  
Andhra Pradesh

<https://youtu.be/42uovSXlthU>

**1<sup>st</sup>** Prize.

Namo Medical Education and Research  
Institute, Silvassa, Dadra and Nagar  
Haveli

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LIsTOPV-FAw>

AND

Hind Institute of Medical Sciences,  
Barabanki, UP

<https://youtu.be/zN2fhv28mBw>

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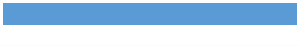
KNP College of Veterinary Science,  
Shirwal, Maharashtra

<https://youtu.be/emfufGQoYPo>



# S.D.M.C. Primary School, Lajpat Nagar- IV, New Delhi

Dr Prashant Tiwari, delivered a public talk on Prevention and control of Rabies. He educated the students on how to prevent dog bites. He played games with the school children and enacted for kids on how to behave in case of a dog attack





## SDMC Pratibha Co-Ed. School, Najfgarh

Dr. Monal daptardar delivered a public talk to the school children and parents in Delhi on the prevention of rabies and dos & don'ts after a dog bite.



# SDMC Primary School, East of Kailash, New Delhi

Dr. Tushar Nale, delivered a lecture in a primary school. He educated the school children and school teachers on prevention of Rabies and how to avoid being bitten by dogs.

Meanwhile, the east division of SDMC conducted free canine rabies vaccination in stray dogs of this area.

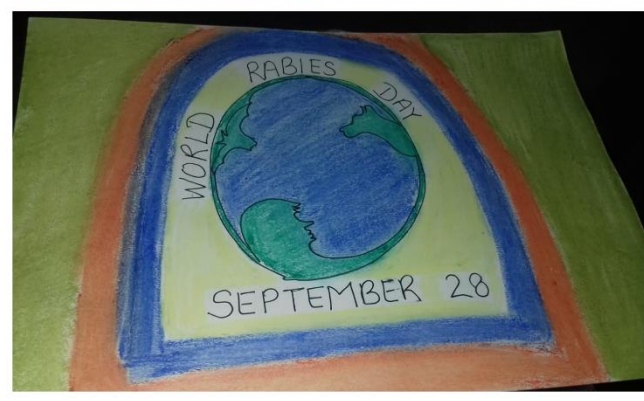




## Government Schools

In coordination with the Delhi governments, School health programme, Government Schools in **Kanganheri, Khaira, Najafgarh, Kanganheri** in DELHI organized lectures on prevention of rabies. Videos and jingles created under the NRCP were played for the students. Medical experts and teachers sensitized the students about rabies.

Puppet shows and drawing competitions were organized among school children





## New Delhi

The State nodal officer of NRCP Delhi organized talks to create awareness on Rabies for patients in Primary Health Care Centers and Community Health Care Centers in DGD Nabi Karim, DGD Majnu Ka Tila, DGD Jharodha Majra, DGD Gali Guliyar, DGD Chamelian Road, Seed PUHC Samta Vihar, MCW Burari, MCW Katraneel, DGD Suiwalan.





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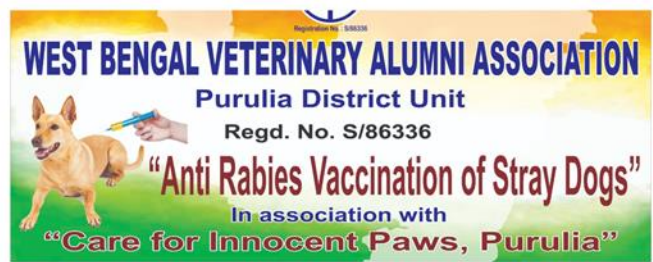
## Tamil Nadu

From the past 10 years, Pasteur Institute of India, Coonoor (PIIC) has been regularly observing World Rabies Day. This year a rally was organized having approximately 400 students, members from NGO and staff members of Pasteur Institute of India. Quiz, essay and drawing Competitions were organized for school students.

## Pondicherry

In Pondicherry, for World Rabies Day, a Health Awareness Rally was organized on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Approximately 100 nursing students took part in the rally holding placards and creating awareness on dog bite and the importance of Rabies vaccination.





Across the country, veterinarians from Department Of Animal Husbandry and various Private Veterinary Associations observed WRD with equal fervor. On this day veterinarians in **West Bengal, Delhi, Punjab, Telangana etc** organized 'Free Rabies Vaccination Camps for Dogs'.





## ASSAM

World Rabies Day was observed jointly by IDSP, NRCP and Dept of AH and Veterinary Division in various district i.e Kamrup, Chirag, Udalgiri, Kokrajhar, Nagam, Darrang, Bongaigam, Karimganj, Marigam, Nalbari, and shibsagar of Assam.

A daylong twin programme was organized in the College of Veterinary Science, Assam Agricultural University, Khanapara, Guwahati and a free anti-rabies vaccination camp for the companion and stray animals were organized.

An outreach programme on Rabies Awareness was organized in the Lower Primary School at Nortap, Sonapur in collaboration with the Department of Health & Family Welfare and Department of Veterinary & Animal Husbandry, Govt.of Assam for the public of Greater Sonapur.



## Punjab

The NRCP program division had a wide scale anti-rabies awareness campaign. The officers disseminated radio jingle and video clips across the state.

Pamphlets were distributed Announcement were made at bus stands and railways stations.

Punjabi radio jingle were played for 10 consecutive days. Punjabi video clip on rabies prevention was disseminated among the movie theaters/ halls which was also played consecutively for 10 days.



Poster Competition,  
Essay Competition,  
Cycle rallies,  
Seminars, Awareness  
Camps, Poster display  
at waiting areas of  
hospitals and other  
prominent places.

Talks were organized  
for primary school  
students and medical  
officers sensitized the  
students and also In  
Community health  
clinics and in Primary  
Health Clinics in  
Punjab





## Telangana

Department of Microbiology & Chemistry under the Science Club of Bhavan's Vivekananda Degree & PG College (BVC) Sainikpuri, Hyderabad, organized an awareness program. The NCC, NSS & Bharath Scouts & Guide Team of BVC took an active part in the event.

For An intercollegiate e-poster competition 69 e-posters were received for the e-poster competition from

**Bhavans Vivekananda College, Sainikpuri, St. Francis College, Little Flower Degree College, Govt college for Women, Begumpet, St Pious College, of Hyderabad and Govt. Degree College, Kurnool and Silver Jubilee Govt. College, Kurnool.**

Rallies were undertaken by NCC Cadets, NSS , Bharath Scouts & Guide, students & Faculty of Bhavan's Vivekananda College.

850 students



## Goa

The Government of Goa and Mission Rabies organized a student rally to create awareness



### *Non-Governmental organizations*

*NGO's Play an Important Role In the society for controlling Rabies. NGOS such as Mission Rabies in Goa, World Animal Protection, In Delhi and many more Organized Rallies, Lectures and free dog Vaccination Drives For World Rabies Day 2019*



# JAMMU

Medical officers and medical students organized talks in Health Care Centers, and Primary Schools to create awareness on rabies





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## Kerala

Directorate of Health Service observed WRD in 14 districts.

Faculty from Community Medicine department Medical collage TVM conducted the awareness class for the health staffs and school students.

Essay competition and awareness class was organized for High School children. Innovative IEC activities and Seminars were conducted. Pamphlets were distributed.





### *Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University*

On WRD camps were set in markets, railway stations. Educational materials on Rabies were displayed. Pamphlets were distributed.

Second and third year veterinary graduate students played a street show on the theme Rabies: Vaccinate to Eliminate.

Faculty members of department addressed the query of public



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on the theme Rabies: Vaccinate to

*Medical colleges and veterinary colleges joined forces in their efforts towards fighting Rabies*

*Karur government Medical College & Hospital with Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University Organized a 'Continuing Medical Education' programme for medical and veterinary students.*



**World Rabies Day – 2019**  
Continuing Medical Education Programme  
Jointly Organized by  
**Karur Government Medical College & Hospital**  
and  
**Veterinary University Training and Research Centre, Karur**  
(Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University)  
Monday, 30th September, 2019 Government Medical College, Karur

**IDSP - Directorate of Public Health & Preventive Medicine, Chennai & Veterinary University Training and Research Centre, Karur (Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University)**  
Workshop on  
**RABIES & HUMAN TREATMENT**

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|---------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Diphtheria    | Dengue Control Activities | Swine Flu (H1N1) |
| Leptospirosis | Scrub Typhus              | Hepatitis        |



*Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Izatnagar, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh, India.*

Organized rabies vaccination camp for pet animals.

Infographic pamphlets were distributed in public places like bus stand, market place, railway station and general public were sensitized on the importance of vaccination to prevent rabies.

Poster making and quiz competitions were conducted for the undergraduate students.

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An awareness program for St. Xavier's college students and faculty, vaccination program for canines and felines at Veterinary Clinic complex, COVAS, Jalukie, Nagaland and Quiz competition among veterinary students

COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SCIENCES AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, JALUKIE, NAGALAND, CAU,



Government of Karnataka, Department Of Animal Husbandry And Veterinary Services And Karnataka Veterinary Association.

On 25th and 26th Sept free rabies vaccination at Chitra Durga was organized. Policy makers at the district, municipality, health, Veterinary, and district environment engineer, were all present under one banner. 180 dogs were vaccinated.

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Vaccination for pets and stray dogs, awareness programme for school childrens, awareness rally, discussion session etc. have been planned.

LAKHIMPUR COLLEGE OF VETY. SCIENCE, AAU, JOYHING, NORTH LAKHIMPUR





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