

## **Celebration of World Veterinary Day-2019 IVRI campus, Bengaluru**

The scientists and students of Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bengaluru campus celebrated World Veterinary Day on the Saturday April 27, 2019. The celebration started with a quiz competition on “veterinary vaccinology” for master and doctoral students as well as to the RA, SRF and YP on the WVD theme. Dr. K Narayanan welcomed the audience and guest speaker, Professor A.R.S Moorthy (Retired). Professor Moorthy deliberated on the theme, “Value of vaccination”. He recounted the history behind the development of rinderpest vaccine, implementation of global eradication programme and its economic and social impact to the society. He also discussed at length on the importance of vaccination in preventing the emergence of antimicrobial resistant bacteria and reduction in the veterinary cost in food animals and poultry. Prof. Moorthy narrated his Australian experience by recollecting the rigorous quarantine practice to contain the spread of diseases which were not native to that country. He also emphasized on the importance of quality of vaccine in minimizing the disease incidence and eventual eradication. Dr A. Sanyal, Joint Director IVRI narrated the importance of WVD and impressed upon that the veterinarians are a special group of health care professionals as they prevent zoonotic diseases and treat animals of all kinds around the world. The scientists put their views and participated in the discussion. The programme ended with distribution of prize to the winners of quiz competition.

