

World Veterinary Day Celebration at IVRI campus, Bengaluru.

The scientists and students of Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bengaluru campus celebrated World Veterinary day on 29th April 2017. The celebration started with a quiz competition for PG students on the WVD theme. Dr. B H M Patel welcomed the audience and guest speaker. He told the audience that the main objective of WVD is to highlight and promote the difference facets of the work performed by veterinarians all over the world and to raise awareness on their contribution to improve the animal health and welfare. Dr A, Sanyal, Joint Director IVRI narrated about the importance of WVD and impressed upon that the veterinarians are a special group of health care professionals and scientists because they prevent disease in animals and treat animals of all kinds around the world. The chief guest on this occasion Dr M Nadeem, Dean, PGS, KVAFSU, Bidar delivered a lecture on “*Antimicrobial resistance – from awareness to action*”. He sensitised the audience that how the availability and use of antimicrobial drugs has transformed the practice of human and animal medicine. However, overuse and misuse of important drugs in humans, animals and agriculture sectors has led to antimicrobial resistance. He also discussed how the socio economic parameters and policy also contribute to the antimicrobial resistance. In the end he also discussed possible solutions for prevention of antimicrobial resistance in both human and animal. He stressed the role of veterinarians and paraprofessionals in fighting against antimicrobial resistance, through their role in regulating and supervising the use of antimicrobials, offering professional advice to farmers and animal owners and collaborating with the human health sector. The scientists put their views and participated in the discussion. The programme ended with prize distribution to the winners of quiz competition.

