

Celebration of World Veterinary Day at ICAR-IVRI, Mukteswar Campus

World Veterinary Day was successfully celebrated as a three-day event from 25th April to 27th April 2026 at the ICAR–Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Mukteswar Campus. The programme was held under the patronage of Dr. Raghavendra Bhatta, Director ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar.

The celebration commenced with student engagement activities. On 25th and 26th April 2026, rangoli and painting competitions were organized for students (Classes VI–VIII) of Kendriya Vidyalaya, IVRI Mukteswar, based on the World Veterinary Day, 2026 theme: “Veterinarians: Guardians of Food and Health.”



Participation of KV, IVRI, Mukteswar students in rangoli and painting competition

The main event was held on 27th April 2026, featuring a Kisan Goshti, farmer–scientist interaction, distribution of inputs, and an exposure visit of farmers to the poultry farm. The program saw active participation from scientists, students, research associates, local veterinary officers, and 73 livestock farmers from villages Darmoli, Pitholi, and Kherda, with more than 40% participation by women farmers.

The program began with a welcome address by Dr. Nitish Singh Kharayat (Coordinator), who briefed the audience about the event. The Joint Director, IVRI Mukteswar and Chairman of the program, Dr. Yashpal Singh Malik, welcomed the Chief Guest, Dr. Dhires Chandra Joshi (CVO, Nainital), by presenting a bouquet. In his opening remarks, Dr. Malik expressed his gratitude to all scientists, veterinarians, and stakeholders associated with animal health, and emphasized the critical role of veterinarians in building a progressive and healthy society. He also highlighted emerging challenges such as climate change and antibiotic resistance, and their impact on both animal and human health. Furthermore, he elaborated on the significant contributions of IVRI Mukteswar in the field of animal health and production.



Welcome of Chief Guest and lightening of lamp

Dr. Dhires Chandra Joshi (chief guest), in his address, emphasized the vital role of veterinarians in safeguarding food security and public health. He also highlighted the contributions of the Department of Animal Husbandry, Uttarakhand, in livestock disease surveillance, monitoring, diagnosis, and management.



Hob'bl Joint Director, IVRI, Mukteswar and Chief Guest addressing the gathering

During the Kisan Goshti, organized under the theme “Veterinary Disease Surveillance, Early Detection, Management and Reporting for Food Safety and Health,” expert lectures were delivered by Dr. Sudha Rani Kripal (Veterinary Officer, DDL, Rudrapur) on “livestock disease surveillance and monitoring” and Dr. Ashutosh Fular on the “management of endo- and ectoparasitic diseases”. The Veterinary Officers from Nainital district, Dr. Chitra Joshi and Dr. Taruna Vela also briefed the farmers regarding various schemes of Animal Husbandry Department Uttarakhand.





Expert's lecture during kisan goshti

Under the Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP), animal feed, calcium supplements, poultry feeders, and drinkers were distributed among the participating farmers. The Joint Director also assured the farmers that such events will continue to be organized in the future, and collaboration with the Animal Husbandry Department, Uttarakhand will be strengthened.



Distribution of inputs among the beneficiaries

The winners of the Rangoli and Painting competitions were felicitated by the Joint Director, IVRI Mukteshwar, and the Chief Guest. The Joint Director thanked the Principal and the staff of Kendriya Vidyalaya for their support in the event.



Distribution of awards and certificates to the winner students of rangoli and painting competition KV, IVRI, Mukteshwar



Felicitaton of Chief Guest and JD, IVRI, Mukteswar

Dr. Raghavendra Bhatta, Director, ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar, conveyed his best wishes on the occasion of World Veterinary Day and congratulated the entire team for the successful organization of the event. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Amol Gurav. The program was coordinated by Dr. Nitish Singh Kharayat, Dr. Amol Gurav, Dr. Sayed Nabil, Dr. Karam Chand, and Dr. Manish Tomar.