

One Health Day 2025

One Health Day, celebrated globally on 3rd November every year, serves as a reminder of the vital connection between human, animal and environmental health. To mark this occasion, the Division of Veterinary Public Health (VPH), ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Izzatnagar, Bareilly, organized an elocution competition to promote awareness of the One Health approach and its importance in safeguarding global health and sustainability.

The theme for the competition, **“When Animal Falls Sick, Human Follows: Why One Health Matters Now More Than Ever,”** highlighted the urgent need for interdisciplinary collaboration to prevent and control zoonotic diseases such as rabies, avian influenza, brucellosis, and COVID-19. While zoonotic diseases exemplify how human health is deeply influenced by the well-being of animals and the environment, it is important to note that One Health goes far beyond zoonotic diseases, encompassing broader issues like antimicrobial resistance (AMR), food safety, climate change and environmental pollution. This holistic approach reinforces the essence of the One Health philosophy-that the health of all living beings and the planet are interconnected.

The event was meticulously coordinated by the faculty members of the Division - Dr. Himani Dhanze, Dr. M. Suman Kumar, Dr. Jess Vergis and Dr. Srinivas K. under the guidance of Dr. Bablu Kumar, Head, Division of Veterinary Public Health. The collective efforts of the scientists contributed to the successful organization of the event. The session was hosted by Dr. Vibha Singh, Ph.D. scholar from the Division of Veterinary Public Health. A total of ten participants, including students from the B.V.Sc., B.Tech (Biotechnology) and M.V.Sc. programs, took part in the elocution competition. Their speeches presented thoughtful insights on the One Health concept, highlighting the importance of collaboration among veterinarians, doctors, environmental scientists, and policymakers in addressing common health challenges.

The event was graced by Dr. Bablu Kumar, Head, Division of Veterinary Public Health, who presented certificates to the winners and congratulated them for their commendable performances. Mr. Vikas Jaiswal secured the first prize, Ms. Divanshi Saini won the second prize, while Ms. Anushka Shukla and Mr. Ram Babu jointly received the third prize.

The celebration of One Health Day at IVRI effectively conveyed that the health of humans, animals and the environment are deeply interconnected. By promoting collaboration across disciplines, the event reinforced the One Health vision as an essential pathway toward achieving sustainable global health and resilience.

As the event concluded, participants were reminded that we share one planet, one ecosystem, and ultimately, one health. The program served as an inspiring platform to strengthen the spirit of collaboration and to encourage future professionals to adopt the One Health approach in their research and professional endeavours.



Dr. Bablu Kumar and Dr. Himani Dhanze presenting the certificate to the first prize winner of the elocution competition.



Group photograph of the faculty coordinators, participants and organizing team of the elocution competition



Participants delivering their speeches during the elocution competition, sharing their perspectives on the One Health concept.