One Health Peer Training Programme Organized at ICAR-IVRI in Collaboration with IIPHG

The Division of Veterinary Public Health (VPH), ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Bareilly, organized a One Health Peer Training Programme in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Public Health Gandhinagar (IIPHG), Gujarat. The programme brought together 142 student participants from ICAR-IVRI to strengthen understanding of the One Health approach at the human-animal-environment interface.

The event was graced by Dr. S. K. Mendiratta, Joint Director (Academics), ICAR-IVRI, and Dr. Bablu Kumar, Head, Division of Veterinary Public Health. Ms. Kalpana, Project Manager, Centre for One Health Education, Research and Development, (COHERD)-IIPHG, was also present. Scientists from the Division, including Dr. Himani, Dr. Diksha and Dr. Srinivas, served as judges for the student competitions.

The programme commenced with a pre-training assessment quiz to evaluate students' baseline knowledge of One Health. This was followed by three peer-learning lectures delivered by students of the Division of Veterinary Public Health, covering One Health and zoonoses, antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and food safety and climate-driven zoonoses. The sessions highlighted emerging public health challenges and the importance of collaborative approaches to disease prevention and control.

The academic sessions were followed by an extempore competition, providing students with an opportunity to articulate their views on topics related to One Health and public health. Group presentations on One Health success stories in addressing health challenges. A One Health quiz competition was also organized for all participating students to reinforce key concepts and encourage active learning.

The programme further featured the display and evaluation of handmade posters, prepared by students to communicate important One Health concepts creatively. The competitions encouraged scientific thinking, communication skills, creativity and peer-to-peer knowledge exchange. A post-training assessment quiz was conducted at the end of the programme to assess students' knowledge following the training activities.

The programme provided undergraduate students with an engaging platform for peer learning, knowledge sharing and active participation. Through lectures, quizzes and interactive competitions, students gained a better understanding of One Health concepts and the importance of preventing zoonotic diseases, combating antimicrobial resistance, ensuring food safety and addressing climate-driven health risks.

Group photograph of participants and faculty during the One Health Peer Training Programme

Winners felicitated during the One Health Peer Training Programme

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