

Rabies Awareness Programme **at Tilak Inter College, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh**

Rabies is a deadly zoonotic disease leading to 59,000 human deaths per year. Rabies remains a cause of grave concern in India which reports more than 20,000 deaths every year amounting to one-third of the deaths worldwide. The **staff and students of Veterinary Public Health Division, ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute**, in collaboration with **Rotary Club, Izatnagar** conducted awareness programme at the **Tilak Inter college, Bareilly on September 22nd, 2023**. The team was led by **Dr. Himani Dhanze**, Scientist, VPH Division and **Dr D.C. Shukla**, Executive Secretary, **Rotary Club, Izatnagar**. Dr Himani delivered a lecture on rabies to the students and staff of the inter-college. She explained the role of vaccination in prevention of rabies as there is no known treatment for rabies, which is 100% fatal once the disease sets-in. Various measures to protect the pet and humans by way of pre-exposure vaccination of dogs and cats was also explained in detail. **More than 150 students were benefitted from the awareness program.**

The lecture was followed by the distribution of pamphlets among the students to make them aware regarding the potential of rabies virus as a deadly zoonotic disease. A quiz competition was also conducted in which the school students participated actively and enthusiastically and were rewarded for their responses. The awareness program was graced by **Dr Hari Om Mishra**, Principal, Tilak Inter-College, **Dr Disha Naresh**, Secretary, Rotary Club, Izatnagar and **Dr Aditya Kumar Tiwari**, Veterinary welfare officer, Municipal Corporation Bareilly.



Rabies awareness program at Tilak Inter-college Bareilly



Lecture on Rabies control to the students of Inter-College