

## *Rabies Awareness Programme* at Primary School, Dhaurera Mafi, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh

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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 about 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 **Upper Primary School, Dhaurera Mafi, Bareilly on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. The team was led by **Dr. Himani Dhanze**, Scientist, VPH Division. Dr Himani delivered a lecture on rabies to the students and staff of the primary school about 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.

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. The students of VPH Division presented a skit on rabies awareness to create awareness amongst the students on the control measures that can be adopted to prevent rabies. A quiz competition was also conducted in which the school students participated actively and enthusiastically and were rewarded for their responses.



**Lecture on rabies awareness among the school students**



**Conducting quiz to make school students aware of rabies prevention and control**



**Prize distribution to the quiz winners by Rotary club Izatnagar along with Veterinary Public Health team, ICAR-IVRI.**