

Organization of World Zoonoses Day-2025 at Bhandara

The Department of Veterinary Public Health & Epidemiology, MAFSU, Nagpur Veterinary College, Nagpur in collaboration with Maharashtra State Veterinary Council (MSVC), Indian Medical Association (IMA), Bhandara and National Association for Welfare of Animals and Research (NAWAR) organized Continuing Medical Education (CME) / Continuing Veterinary Education (CVE) on "Strengthening Multi-Sectoral Collaboration on Zoonoses: Operationalizing One Health" so as to mark occasion of World Zoonoses Day-2025 on 6th July, 2025 at Bhandara. The event was held at IMA Hall, Bhandara. The program was inaugurated at the auspicious hands of Hon'ble District Collector Dr Sanjay Kolte, IAS, Bhandara District. The CME/CVE was organized so as to create awareness as well as build the multi-sectoral collaboration amongst the professionals.

In the welcome address Dr Ajay Poharkar, President, MSVC elaborated the efforts of the Veterinary Council in holding the CVE program and the contribution of Veterinarians in combating Zoonotic diseases and achieving One Health. Further in the capacity of Secretary NAWAR he elaborated the activities of NAWAR and its significant role in initializing the step towards establishment of present National Institute on One Health at Nagpur. He stated that Bhandara has experienced many episodes of the zoonotic diseases in past and urged the combine efforts by medicos, vets and environmentalists to mitigate. Dr Yashwant Lanjewar, President, IMA, Bhandara explained the role of IMA and appreciated the efforts of for combine CME & CVE. Dr N.C.Nandeshwar, I/C Associate Dean, Nagpur Veterinary College, Nagpur stated about the ultramodern diagnostic facilities available at Department of Veterinary Public Health & Epidemiology, Nagpur Veterinary College, Nagpur and extended his invitation to explore those in future. He also elaborated the contribution of the 'Centre for Zoonoses' in COVID-19 pandemic and in general in zoonotic diseases. In the inaugural address Hon'ble District Collector; Dr Sanjay Kolte, IAS, emphasized the need of collaborative efforts by the faculties. He appreciated the combine efforts of the organizers for organizing the CVE/CME and the technical lectures by the experts. He stated that the efforts are also there by the district administration to combat zoonotic diseases. However he emphasized about the need of intensified efforts for the same.

The expert lectures from Dr Sunil Kolte, Ex-Professor & Head, Department of Veterinary Parasitology, Dr. Vinod Kahndait, Cardiologist, GMC, Nagpur, Dr. Arun T.R., Scientist-C, National Institute on One Health, Nagpur and Dr Sandeep Kokate, Professor & Principal Investigator, VRDL, GMC, Nagpur were held. The lectures were very elaborative and informative. The experts were felicitated at the hands of Hon'ble District Collector. The special felicitation of Dr Sanjay Ekapure for his contribution in social activities and laboratory animal breeding was held. Overall 59 medical doctors and 59 veterinary doctors working in the field, and colleges as well as post graduate students of these faculties attended the function and technical session. The dais was shared by Dr Dipchand Soyam, Civil Surgeon, Bhandara; Dr Vilas Gadge, District Deputy Commissioner AH, Bhandara, Dr. Milind Somkuwar, District Health Officer, Bhandara, Dr Yashwant Lanjewar, President, IMA, Bhandara and Dr Ajay Poharkar, President, MSVC. The program was also attended by Dr Sanjay Wane, Joint Secretary, NAWAR, and Dr Durgesh Pashine, Secretary, IMA, Bhandara. The medical officers and the veterinary officers were also among the attendees.

The organization was done by the team from Department of Veterinary Public Health & Epidemiology, Nagpur Veterinary College viz., Dr Sandeep Chaudhari, Professor & Head, Dr Shilpshri Shinde, Professor, Dr W.A.Khan, Professor, Ms. Sheetal Gaur, Technician, Post Graduate Students and Project staff.

The program was looked after as a the strong step towards collaborative efforts to mitigate zoonotic diseases and achieving One Health.

The program was convened by Dr Sandeep Chaudhari while vote of thanks was proposed by Dr Shilpshri Shinde.