

IVRI Celebrates World Environment Day 2025 with Green Actions and Awareness

ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Izatnagar, celebrated **“World Environment Day 2025”** with a series of eco-conscious activities promoting sustainable living. A significant highlight was a large-scale plantation drive conducted by IVRI scientists in collaboration with more than 2000 farmers across 27 villages of Rampur, Bareilly and Budaun districts under *Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan*. In another event, the Scientists and Staff of Centre for Wildlife, IVRI planted saplings in the premises of the *Vanprani Udyan*, IVRI and sensitized the students of first year B.V.Sc. & A.H. about the day.

The Students' Welfare Office also initiated plantation drive within the institute premises to reinforce the message of environmental responsibility. The event was graced by Dr. Rupasi Tiwari, Joint Director (Extension) and Dr. S. K. Saha, Student Welfare Officer. The SWO Office organized an elocution competition for students on the theme **“Beat Plastic Pollution: Alternatives to Single-Use Daily Plastics,”** where 10 participants presented innovative solutions such as using jute and cloth bags, paper and compostable packaging, glass bottles, stainless steel containers, bamboo and metal straws, refillable pens and biodegradable utensils. They pointed out that the excessive use of plastic poses grave threats not only to human health but also to the environment, animals, birds and marine life. Some students cited evidence of hormonal imbalances in marine creatures like dolphins and turtles due to microplastics.

Over 80 students and 10 faculty members attended the event, which culminated in a collective pledge to reduce dependence on single-use plastics. The competition provided a platform for students to share impactful ideas for a cleaner and greener future. The first prize was awarded to Ms. Devanshi Saini, second prize was bagged by Ms. Anushka Shukla followed by third prize to Mr. Pranav and Mr. Priyavarta. The program was coordinated by Dr. Himani Dhanze, Dr. Asok Kumar and Dr. Ayon Tarafdar, under the guidance of Dr. Rupasi Tiwari and Dr. S. K. Saha. Through this celebration, IVRI once again reaffirmed its commitment to environmental stewardship and rural engagement, sending out a strong message of collective action for a sustainable planet.



Plantation drive at IVRI premises



Plantation drive in farmers' field as part of *Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan*



Sensitization program for first year BVSc & AH students by CWL, IVRI



Elocution competition in progress



IVRI observes World Environment Day with an elocution contest



Elocution winners awarded certificates