

## Celebration of World Zoonoses Day-2024

Zoonoses are the diseases or infections that are naturally transmitted between vertebrate animals and man. An estimated 60% of known infectious diseases and up to 75% of new or emerging infectious diseases are zoonotic in origin. Every year, World Zoonoses Day is celebrated to mark the anniversary of the first vaccination against rabies, a zoonotic disease on July 6, 1885. This day is celebrated with the objective to raise awareness about zoonotic diseases.

**On the occasion of World Zoonoses Day-2024, the faculty and students of Division of Veterinary Public Health, ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute conducted awareness programme at Kendriya Vidyalaya, IVRI, Bareilly and Government Primary School, IVRI, Bareilly. The team was led by Dr. Himani Dhanze, Scientist, VPH Division. She delivered a lecture on the deadly zoonotic disease, rabies and the mosquito borne diseases including Dengue and Japanese Encephalitis. She explained the role of vaccination in prevention of rabies as there is no known treatment for rabies, which is 100% fatal once the symptoms appear. In addition, she focused on the preventive measures we can adopt to protect ourselves from mosquito borne diseases. A total of 320 students were benefitted from the awareness program.**

The lecture was followed by a **practical demonstration of proper hand-washing techniques to the school students**, emphasizing the importance of hand hygiene in **preventing various foodborne illnesses**. Thereafter, a **quiz competition** was conducted in which the school students participated actively and were rewarded for their responses.



**Lecture on prevention of zoonotic diseases at Govt. Primary School, Izzatnagar**



**Zoonotic disease awareness among students at Government Primary School, Izzatnagar**



**Demonstration of proper hand washing technique to the KV school students**





**Awareness on zoonotic diseases in KV School, Izzatnagar**



**Conducting of quiz competition among the KV school students**



**Prize distribution to the winners of quiz competition**