



Preliminary round of Quiz

World Rabies Day 2026 - “Stronger Together”

Venue: A.V. Rama Rao auditorium, Chemical Sciences Building,
Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru,

Date: 28th September 2026

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WORLD RABIES DAY 2026

STRONGER TOGETHER

DATE
28 September 2026
(Monday)

TIME
9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

VENUE
A. V. Rama Rao Auditorium,
Chemical Sciences Building,
Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru

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World Rabies Day 2026 was observed on 28 September 2026 at the **A.V. Rama Rao auditorium, Chemical Sciences Building, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru**, with the theme “Stronger Together”, emphasizing the importance of coordinated and sustained action among human health, animal health, veterinary, civic, academic and community stakeholders for the prevention and elimination of rabies. The programme was **jointly organized by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Government of Karnataka; Veterinary College, KVAFSU, Bengaluru; Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru; BeST Cluster; KIMS, Madikeri; KIMS, Bengaluru; Indian Immunologicals Limited, Hyderabad; Commonwealth Veterinary Association (CVA); and Mission Rabies** to commemorate the death anniversary of Louis Pasteur, whose pioneering work made a significant



Arrival of Dignitaries

contribution
to the
development

of the rabies vaccine. As a part of the World Rabies Day event, a **State-level quiz programme** was organized for the undergraduate students of Medicine (MBBS) and Veterinary Science (BVSc& AH), with the objective of enhancing their knowledge and awareness regarding rabies prevention, control and elimination, and promoting the principles of the One Health approach. Students from across Karnataka participated in the competition, representing 12 medical colleges and 5 veterinary colleges. The preliminary round of the quiz commenced at 9:30 AM in IISC, Bengaluru and was coordinated by Dr. RamachandraKamat, Professor and Head, Department of Community Medicine, KIMS, Madikeri, along with his team.



Inaugural Address – Shri C. Puttarangashetty, Hon'ble Minister
Felicitation to the Hon'ble Minister



Address by the Chief Guest, Smt. Vinothpriya R.,
IAS, Secretary, Animal Husbandry & Fisheries

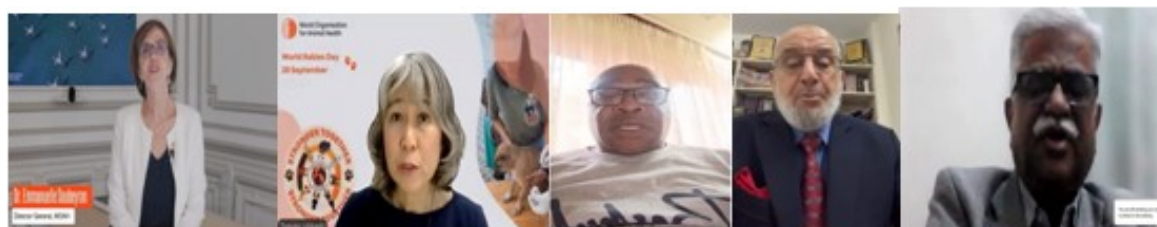
Following the quiz competition, the inaugural program commenced at approximately 11:00 AM and was graced by several distinguished dignitaries and experts, including **Shri C. Puttarangashetty, Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry and Sericulture and District incharge Minister for ChamarajNagara, Govt. of Karnataka**, Smt. Vinothpriya, R. IAS, Secretary, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries, Govt. of Karnataka, Shri Lingaraja S.S. IFS, Commissioner, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Govt. of Karnataka, Prof. K.C. Veeranna, Honorable Vice Chancellor, KVAFSU, Bidar, Dr. P. Srinivasu, Director, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Govt. of Karnataka, Mr. Yashwanth Shehnai, IIS, Regional Officer, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, Prof. R. Nagaraja, Dean, Veterinary College, KVAFSU, Hebbal, Bengaluru, Dr. Madhu, IIL, Hyderabad, Dr. Utpal S. Tatu, Professor and Chairman, Dept. of Biochemistry, IISc, Bengaluru, Dr. Shivarudrappa K.H, Additional Director (LH) AH & VS Government of Karnataka, Dr. Shrikrishna Isloor, Professor and Head, Laboratory Director, KVAFSU-CVA Rabies Diagnostic Lab., Dept. of Veterinary Microbiology, Veterinary College, KVAFSU, Bengaluru, Shri R. Anantharaman, CEO, BEST Cluster, Dr. D.H. Ashwathnarayana, Professor, Community Medicine, KIMS, Bengaluru and Dr. RamachandraKamat Professor and Head, Department of Community Medicine, KIMS, Madikeri.



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**Address by the Chief Guests, Dr. P. Srinivasu, Shri Lingaraja S.S , Prof. K.C. Veeranna ,
Mr. Yashwanth Shehnai**



**WRD 2026 by Experts - Dr. Emmanuel, Dr. Tomoko Ishibashi, Dr. Claude Sabeta,
Dr. S. Abdul Rahman, Dr. M.K. Sudarshan**

The

inaugural program was further enriched by video messages from eminent international and national experts in the field of rabies, including Dr. Emmanuel, Director General, WOA, France, Dr. Tomoko Ishibashi, WOA Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific (RRAP), Japan, Dr. Claude Sabeta, WOA Expert on Rabies, South Africa, Dr. Vishal Choudhury, Scientist F, Office of the Principal Scientific Advisor, Govt of India, Dr. S. Abdul



Final Quiz round

Rahman, Past President & Executive Director, CVA and Dr. M.K. Sudarshan,

Founder President, APCRI. These messages emphasized the importance of collaborative and multidisciplinary approaches for strengthening rabies prevention and control efforts at national and global levels.

About 1pm the final quiz round for the 6 teams was conducted by Dr. Ramachandra Kamath, and Dr. Divyashree from KIMS, Madikeri.

The quiz competition was followed by a technical session comprising expert presentations on various aspects of rabies prevention, control, diagnosis, epidemiology and elimination. Dr. K. H. Shivarudrappa, Additional Director (Livestock Health), Department of Animal Husbandry and



Technical session-Dr. Shivarudrappa K.H., Dr. Utpal S. Tatu, Dr.D.H.AshwathNarayana, Dr. Sharada R, Dr. Sharath Chandra K. S



Veterinary Services, Government of Karnataka, delivered a presentation entitled “State Action

Prize distribution to the Quiz winners
BeST Cluster- 'Translational Context Setting- Launching program'

Plan for Dog-Mediated Rabies Elimination – Animal Husbandry Component – SAPRE (AH)”, highlighting the role of the animal husbandry sector in implementing rabies elimination strategies. This was followed by a presentation by Dr. Utpal S. Tatu, Professor and Chairman, Department of Biochemistry, IISc, Bengaluru, on “Genomic Landscape of Rabies to Understand Virus Evolution and Clade Classification.” The presentation focused on the application of genomic approaches to understand rabies virus evolution and genetic diversity. Dr.D.H.AshwathNarayana, Professor, Department of Community Medicine, KIMS, Bengaluru, and Past President, Association for Prevention and Control of Rabies in India (APCRI), delivered a presentation entitled “Stronger Together – Partnership for Elimination of Rabies in Bengaluru (PERB)”, emphasizing the importance of intersectoral partnerships and coordinated action for rabies elimination. Dr. Sharada R., Professor and Head, Department of Veterinary Microbiology, Veterinary College, KVAFSU, Gadag, and Quality Manager, KVAFSU-CVA Rabies Diagnostic Laboratory, Veterinary College, KVAFSU, Bengaluru, delivered a presentation on “Challenges and Advancements in Diagnosis and Control of Rabies in Dogs.” The presentation highlighted contemporary challenges in rabies diagnosis and the advances being made in diagnostic and control strategies. Dr. Sharath Chandra K. S., Mission Rabies, Bengaluru, delivered a presentation on “Integrated Bite Case Management (IBCM)”, highlighting the importance of coordinated management of animal bite cases for effective rabies prevention. The technical session concluded with Shri R. Anantharaman, CEO, BeST Cluster, providing the translational context and an overview of the BeST Cluster and its coordinating units, emphasizing the importance of translating scientific knowledge and collaborative initiatives into effective field-level interventions. The technical session was concluded with the prize distribution of the final winners of the quiz program. The Veterinary College, KVAFSU, Hassan secured the first position, followed by the team from K. H. Patil Institute of

Medical Sciences as the runner-up, and Rajarajeswari Medical College secured the third position. The winning teams were felicitated with certificates, mementos and cash prizes of Rs5,000, Rs3,000 and Rs2,000 for the first, second and third positions, respectively.

The program concluded with the closing remarks delivered by Dr. Isloor who acknowledged the contributions of all participating institutions, dignitaries, resource persons, students and organizing teams towards the successful conduct of World Rabies Day 2026.



Overall, the World Rabies Day 2026 programme was successfully conducted and reinforced the message of “Stronger Together”, underscoring that sustained collaboration across sectors is essential for achieving the shared goal of a rabies-free society.



World Rabies day organizing team