

World Zoonoses Day

The Department of Animal Production and Management, NU SASRD, Medziphema observed the 'World Zoonoses Day' along with the rest of the world on 6th July 2008, under the theme 'for a healthier life', in order to educate and create public awareness about the importance of zoonoses. The term 'zoonoses' refers to all disease, mild or dreadful that are transmitted from animal to human beings and vice versa.

The programme was sponsored and supported by the Department of Veterinary & animal Husbandry, Govt. of Nagaland, ICAR Barapani, Meghalaya, ICAR Nagaland center, NRC on Mithun, Jharnapani, and Department of Animal Production & Management, NUSASRD, Medziphema.

The programme was graced by Dr. Nicky Kire, MLA and Chairman, Nagaland Khadi & Village Industries, as chief guest and Dr. C. Rajkhowa, Director, NRC on Mithun, Jharnapani as the guest of honour. Prof. Imnayongdang, Dean, NU SASRD chaired the inaugural function and delivered the welcome address. Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest stressed on the importance of animal and human related health issues and the need of hygienic slaughter of animals. He further emphasized on the stepwise enactment of legislation and acts in the state for prevention of zoonotic diseases. The chief guest also released a book on 'Practical Manual on Animal Hygiene' compiled and edited by Dr. Catherine Rutsa, Dr. V.Rutsa and Mrs. R. Zuyie. The guest of honour, Dr.C. Rajkhowa, gave a detail account of the causative agents of zoonotic diseases and highlighted the measures of control of some of the important zoonotic diseases. He also pointed out that out of 1415 infectious diseases, 61.6% are zoonotic in nature ie being transmitted from animal to human beings. Others who spoke on the occasion included Dr. M.Catherine Rutsa, Lecturer, deptt. of Animal Production & Management who delivered a prelude on World Zoonoses Day, Dr. Zase Chüsi, PG student, Deptt. of APM, SASRD on Legislation and Acts on Prevention of Zoonoses.

To commemorate the World Zoonoses Day, the department also organized free Animal Health Care Camp, which was inaugurated by the chief guest. About 250 dogs were given free rabies vaccine and more than 80 cases of animals were treated. Besides, medicines were also distributed free of cost.

The department also conducted an interactive session on the topics Zoonoses in perspective of Human Health by Dr. Molusen Jamir, Medical Officer, SASRD campus and Zoonoses in Perspective of Animal Health by Dr. Amenla Walling, VAS, Deptt. of Vety. & AH, Govt. of Nagaland. Dr.Kobu Khate and Dr.Imomanen Tsudir, PG students, Deptt. of APM, SASRD were the moderators for the interactive sessions.

