

## **RABIES AWARENESS PROGRAM**

Department of Microbiology & Chemistry under the Science Club of Bhavan's Vivekananda Degree & PG College, Sainikpuri organized an awareness program on the occasion of "World Rabies Day" on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Sep 2019. The event was supported by Global Alliance for Rabies Control, World Health Organization (WHO), Hyderabad Chapter of Association of Microbiologists of India (AMI). The NCC, NSS & Bharath Scouts & Guide Team of BVC took an active part in the event. Rabies is a disease which is observed in mammals and can spread to human beings via a bite or scratch by an infected mammal. Though there is no treatment for the disease if infected, still it is 100% preventable. To stress on the prevention of this dreadful disease the awareness program was conducted.

### **Day 1: 27<sup>th</sup> Sep 2019**

Day 1 of the event was marked by the address of Mr. Ajit Nair, CEO, VINS Biotech on the prevention of Rabies virus using the vaccines available. There was a huge enthusiasm in students presenting the skit on Rabies as a disease: prevention & control. This was followed by a talk by Dr Sampath Kumar, Former Director, Institute of Preventive Medicines. Dr Sampath Kumar emphasized on safety measures for humans to prevent rabies virus attack & importance of vaccination if bit by a mammal.

An intercollegiate e-poster competition on 'Rabies Prevention & Control' gathered a huge response among participants. 69 e-posters were received from various colleges. Students of Bhavans Vivekananda College, Sainikpuri, St Francis College, Little Flower Degree College, Govt college for women Begumpet, St Pious College, Govt Degree College Kurnool, Silver Jubilee Govt College, Kurnool took part in the e-poster.

### **Day 2: 28<sup>th</sup> Sep 2019**

Day 2 was scheduled with an awareness rally on "Rabies Prevention & Control" in association with World Health Organization on account of World Rabies day by NCC Cadets, NSS, Bharath Scouts & Guide, Youth Red Cross Society, Centre for Excellence, students & Faculty of Bhavan's Vivekananda College. Vice Chairman of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Sainikpuri Kendra, Air Cmdre JLN Shastry flagged the commencement of the rally. The rally witnessed the participation of Mr Ajit Nair, CEO, VINS Biotech, Dr Sampath Kumar, Former Director, Institute of Preventive Medicines and member working group on Rabies, WHO, SAGE, Lion's Club Hyderabad & 750 students.

The two day Awareness Program on Rabies Prevention & Control was a huge success not only among the students but also could reach out to the public in the form of a rally for a healthy & Rabies free society.