

Report on World Rabies Day 2025

Day -1

Date : 29th September 2025

Venue : Panchayat Office, Pallikondanpattu Village

1. Guidance & Organizing Team

The health awareness programme was conducted under the guidance of Dr.A.Balaji arumugam Head of Department.

- **Resource Person** : Dr. Janarthanan Dhayanithi, Senior Resident
- **Supporting Team** : Mr. Mahalingam HI and Mr. Vinoth MSW

2. Participants

- **Total Participants:** 35 (community members from Pallikondanpattu village)

3. Awareness Activities

The programme focused on **World Rabies Day 2025** and included a detailed awareness speech covering the following points:



➤ **Rabies Status in India:**

- Overview of rabies as a major public health concern in India.
- Statistics on human and animal rabies cases, highlighting high-risk regions.
- Discussion on mortality rates, emphasizing that rabies is almost always fatal once symptoms appear, but **100% preventable** with timely action.

➤ **Children's Behaviour Around Dogs:**

- Guidance for parents and children on safe interactions with domestic and stray dogs.
- Explanation of situations that may provoke dog bites (e.g., teasing, cornering, sudden approach).
- Emphasis on teaching children not to disturb sleeping dogs or approach unknown animals.

➤ **Immediate Wound care:**

- Stress on washing bite wounds **immediately with soap and running water for at least 15 minutes**.
- Explanation of how thorough wound washing reduces viral load and risk of infection.
- Demonstration (or verbal guidance) on proper washing techniques.

➤ **Steps Before Seeking Clinical Advice:**

- Guidance on collecting information about the biting animal if possible.
- Importance of **not applying irritants or traditional remedies** to the wound.
- Advising prompt visit to a health facility for **post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)**.



➤ **Handling Bitten Domestic Animals and Pets:**

- Educating participants on observing the behaviour of pets after a bite.
- Guidance on **reporting to local veterinary authorities**.
- Safe practices for handling or restraining potentially rabid animals.

The theme for World Rabies Day 2025, “**Act Now: You, Me, Community,**” was meaningfully brought to life during the programme together, this collaboration highlighted the essence of the theme — that the fight against rabies requires the combined effort of individuals, professionals, and the community working hand in hand to build a safer, rabies-free society.

4. Interactive Session

The session concluded with a **question-and-answer segment**, where participants actively asked questions regarding rabies prevention, wound care, vaccination schedules for pets, and reporting protocols. The team provided clear, practical guidance.

5. Conclusion

The awareness programme successfully educated the community on rabies prevention, immediate wound care, safe behaviour around animals, and responsible pet management. The engagement and queries reflected a strong interest in adopting preventive measure enhancing community readiness to prevent rabies.



Theme for World Rabies Day is "Act Now: You, Me, Community,"

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DAY - 2

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Venue : Koovanur Village

✓ Guidance & Organizing Team

The Health Awareness Programme on **World Rabies Day 2025** was organized under the valuable guidance of Dr. Balaji Arumugam **Head of Department**.

✓ Resource Persons (Post graduates 1ST Year)

- Dr. Sindhuja
- Dr. Sandhiya
- Dr. Kaviya

✓ Supporting Team

- Mr. Harikrishnan (Health Inspector)
- Mr. Deivegan (Health Inspector)

✓ Participants

A total of **35 participants** from Koovanur Village actively took part in the session, including parents, youth, and local residents.

✓ Awareness Session

The awareness programme was conducted in observance of **World Rabies Day 2025**, focusing on early prevention and community responsibility. The Community Medicine PGs delivered an informative and interactive talk covering key aspects of rabies control and prevention.



✓ **Key Highlights of the Session :**

• **Rabies Situation in India:**

The speakers explained the magnitude of rabies as a public health issue, highlighting that although the disease is fatal after symptom onset, it is fully preventable with timely medical attention. Current trends, transmission routes, and the importance of vaccination were also discussed.

• **Safe Behaviour Around Dogs:**

Participants were educated on maintaining safe interactions with both pet and stray dogs. The team emphasized that children must be taught to avoid teasing or startling dogs, and to stay away from animals showing unusual behaviour.

• **Significance of Wound Washing:**

The audience was guided on the **immediate first-aid step** following a dog or animal bite — washing the wound thoroughly with soap and running water for at least 15 minutes. This simple act can significantly reduce the chance of infection before medical care is sought.

• **Actions Before Visiting the Health Facility:**

The resource persons advised against applying traditional substances like turmeric, oils, or herbal pastes to the bite wound. They urged immediate consultation at the nearest health centre for **Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)**, which includes vaccination and, if required, rabies immunoglobulin.

• **Management of Bitten Animals and Pets:**

The importance of observing domestic animals after a biting incident and ensuring their vaccination was stressed. The speakers encouraged responsible pet ownership and timely veterinary reporting for animal bite incidents.

✓ **Interactive Discussion**

An engaging interactive segment followed the awareness talk, where participants actively shared their experiences and raised questions on wound management, vaccine availability, and dog-bite handling. The medical team addressed common misconceptions and provided clear guidance. The enthusiasm of participants reflected their eagerness to implement preventive measures within their community.

✓ Outcome & Conclusion

The programme greatly improved the villagers' awareness about rabies prevention, immediate wound care, and pet vaccination. The collaborative effort of the teaching staff, postgraduate students, and health inspectors ensured effective community outreach. The event concluded successfully, reinforcing the **World Rabies Day 2025 theme** — “**Act Now: You, Me, Community,**” highlighting the shared responsibility in achieving a rabies-free society.

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