

**An awareness cum interaction programme was organized by
Veterinary section of JMC**

An awareness cum interaction programme was organized by Veterinary section of JMC in collaboration with Govt. Women College, Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu. The main motive of the programme was to aware the college students regarding the importance of Animal Birth Control Program being implemented by JMC in collaboration with Friendicoes-SECA in all the 75 wards of Municipal Corporation, Jammu and its impact on society.

Joint Commissioner (H&S), JMC Mr. Kulbhushan Khajuria graced the event as a chief guest, Principal GWC Bhagwati Nagar Dr. Meeru Abrol was the guest of honor in the programme where Health Officer JMC, Dr. Vinod Kumar Sharma, MVO, JMC Dr. Sushil Kumar Sharma & Dr. Divya Sharma, VAS JMC were also present.

MVO, JMC Dr. Sushil Kumar Sharma introduced the faculty & students about the Animal Birth Control Program & its progress in Jammu. He depicted the fact that in an overall stray dog population of about 40,000 in Jammu city, approximately 30,000 no. of street dogs have already been sterilized & vaccinated under the ABC programme being run by JMC. He laid emphasis on the fact that as per ABC (Dog) Rules, 2001, stray dogs are not being dislocated from one locality to other, they are only being captured for sterilization & vaccination and are released back in the same area with a permanent identification mark i.e. "Right Ear-notch".

Health Officer, JMC Dr. Vinod Kumar Sharma further guided the faculty & students about rabies prevention, control and immediate steps to be taken in case of dog bite.

VAS, JMC Dr. Divya Sharma presented a power point presentation on implementation, objectives, various Animal Welfare activities & success of ABC/ARV programme run by Jammu Municipal Corporation in accordance with the Animal Birth Control (Dog) Rules, 2001 within JMC limits. She also demonstrated how the stray dog population can be controlled in a time bound manner via effective ABC programme



implementation that will also curb the spread of rabies both in human as well as animals.

Joint Commissioner (H&S) JMC in his address appreciated the role of Veterinary services wing of JMC for organizing such type of mass awareness extension programs in educational institutions of Jammu city as it envisages to propagate the awareness upto the grass root level which is very important for the successful implementation of ABC program within JMC limits. He thanked the Principal & all the faculty members of GCW, Bhagwati Nagar for their support in organizing such awareness programs for the students. He further requested the general public/ Resident Welfare Associations/ AWOs/ Local animal activists for their cooperation for the effective implementation of ABC/ ARV programme in Jammu city. He also advised the Veterinary wing to organize such kind of awareness cum interaction programs with students in future also.

Dr. Meeru Abrol, Principal GCW Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu also presented her perspective about the ABC/ARV programme being implemented by JMC to control the menace of stray dog in Jammu city and its importance to curb the spread of rabies in both human as well as animal population.





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