

Seminar-cum-Awareness Programme organised on the occasion of World Zoonoses Day

6th July, 2024, Narendrapur

The Sasya Shyamala Krishi Vigyan Kendra (SSKVK), RKMVERI, in collaboration with the IRDM Faculty Centre and the Office of the BLDO Sonarpur, South 24 Parganas, West Bengal, emphasized the need to break the transmission cycle to prevent future pandemics like COVID-19.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Guest Dr. Pradip Dey, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata, emphasized the importance of the 'One Health' concept and advocated for the collaborative efforts of multiple disciplines—working locally, nationally, and globally—to achieve optimal health outcomes. Dr. Dey stressed recognizing that the health of people is closely connected to the health of soil, plants, animals, and our shared environment in a continuum.

Dr. K.P. Mukherjee, BLDZZO, South 24 Parganas, explained that zoonotic diseases, or zoonoses, are infections transmitted from animals to humans, and preparedness is the key.

Dr. Abhijit Chakrabati, from the School of Biological Sciences, RKMVERI, mentioned that zoonoses account for approximately 60% of all infectious diseases.

Dr. Sarbani Gupta, Medical Officer, South 24 Parganas, suggested that practicing good hygiene, such as regular hand washing after handling animals, can reduce the risk of zoonotic disease transmission.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Dr. N.C. Sahu, Head of SSKVK, elucidated the significance and backdrop of the day.

Prof. Tapas Dasgupta, Dean of IRDM F/C, RKMVERI, was also present on the occasion.



Experts from WBUAFS, the Department of ARD, Government of West Bengal, and ICAR-IVRI ERS discussed in detail the importance, destructive capacity, and preventive measures to combat different zoonotic diseases.

A total of 120 people, including farmers and farm women from the villages, staff of the Animal Resources Development Department, Government of West Bengal, Pranimitra, faculty members of the IRDM Faculty Centre, RKMVERI, SSKVK and PG students of the university, participated in the programme.