World Veterinary Day 2014 Celebration in Bangladesh

Nowadays, World veterinary Day (WVD) is considered as a great occasion. The WVD was initiated by the World Veterinary Association (WVA) in 2000 in order to celebrate the veterinary profession annually on the last Saturday of April in each year. The main objective is to bring the importance of the Veterinary Profession to the society as well as individuals in focus. From the year 2000, especially veterinarians from all over the world are celebrating the WVD with their professional activities like seminars, workshops, "open doors" activities at clinics, hospitals and veterinary schools, social and media events to inform the general public about the key role played by veterinarians in our daily life. In 2014, the theme of the day celebration was “Animal Welfare”.

In Bangladesh, like each year, the WVD 2014 has been celebrated in different veterinary academic and research institutes.

Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU)
The faculty of Veterinary Science (FVS), BAU, the mother institute of veterinary education in Bangladesh, celebrated the WVD with different noticeable programs. The faculty was been painted with colors and was decorated with banners, posters, and lightings. The academic staffs of the FVS jointly with Bangladesh Veterinary Student Association organized a colorful rally followed by a seminar entitled “World Veterinary Day 2014”. The rally was inaugurated by the Syndicate Member of BAU, Professor Dr. Md. Mansurul Amin. The seminar was chaired by the Dean, FVS, Professor Dr. M. Golam Shahi Alam. About 100 teachers and more than 700 students attended the programs.

Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU)
The CVASU celebrated the WVD with colorful rally and seminar. Professor Dr. Md. Rashedul Alam has delivered a special lecture in the seminar. The veterinary students of CVASU also organized a pleasant cultural program on this occasion.

Patuakhali Science and Technology University (PSTU)
Veterinary Students Association (VSA) of the Faculty of Animal Science and Veterinary Medicine of Patuakhali Science and Technology University celebrated the WVD 2014 with a 3-day long program. On 26th April, the program was started with a gorgeous rally. The rally was started from the faculty academic building, and finished at the auditorium after covering most roads of the campus, and the lo-
cal babugonj Upozilla road. festoons, placards, poster of various animals were beautifully displayed in the rally. After the rally, a seminar was held at the faculty auditorium on ‘Animal Welfare’. Professor Dr. Abdul Matin, Dean, Faculty of Animal Science and Veterinary Medicine was present in the occasion as the chief guest. Dr. Md. Nurul Alam, Upazilla Livestock Officer (ULO), presented a keynote on “Animal Welfare”. On behalf of Veterinary Students Association (VSA), Md. Mustafijur Rahaman Pappu (GS, VSA), Md. Mohasin Sikder, Md. Reaz Al Mahmud delivered their speeches in the seminar. Besides, teachers of different Departments, DVM students, officers, staffs, student leaders, delegates from pharmaceutical companies, journalists, media personnel’s were present in the seminar. At the end, an amazing cultural night was performed by the students of the Veterinary Students Association (VSA). As especial events, animal health campaign and a tree plantation program were organized at the Faculty on the 2nd and 3rd day of WVD celebration, respectively. A medical team headed by Dr. Dibyendu Biswas, Assistant Professor Dept. of Medicine and Surgery served in the animal health campaign.

Hajee Mohammad Danesh Science and Technology University (HSTU)
The most important activities of Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Science, HSTU on World Veterinary Day in this year were included free treatment and vaccination of animal of farmer, rally, a discussion seminar and launching “THE VET EXPRESS”. The Department of Surgery arranged a photography exhibition and film festival.

Free animal treatment campaign in PSTU (Left) and HSTU (Right)

Sylhet agricultural University
On the occasion of WVD 2014, flag was unfurled for a rally from Veterinary Sciences and Animal Science Faculty Building that was been participated by Guests, Scientists, Teachers, Students and Faculty stuffs. A wall poster prepared by Veterinary Chattra Somitee, SAU was then displayed. In order to create awareness regarding veterinary profession, animal diseases, animal welfare and other related aspects; an expert lecture was delivered by Dr. Syed Sayeem Uddin Ahmed, Associate Professor, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health, SAU. “Man-Animal conflict in terms of attach of children and elderly people by dogs is a major concern in the valley today that problem need to be tackled meticulously and we veterinarians need to play the major part in this direction,” said by the Dean Abu Bakr Siddique Speaking on the occasion. Prof Dr. Jamal Uddin Bhuiyan expressed his desire to see the Veterinary and Animal Science Faculty rededicating itself to the welfare of animals as well as uplift of the livestock farmers. He urged veterinary scientists to take necessary steps to implement animal welfare.

Bangladesh Livestock Society (BLS) and Rajshahi University (RU)
Bangladesh Livestock Society (BLS) observed the WVD 2014 with various events starting from 1st April 2014. The month-long program was inaugurated with an animal exhibition at Rajshahi Kamaruzzaman Square. The Rajshahi City Corporation Mayor Mohammad Mossadaq Hossain Bulbul opened the festivity by freeing pigeons to the air. They arranged an exhibition on rescuing wild animals and birds with the help of wild animal management and nature conservation division, Rajshahi, Bangladesh. The BLS president Professor Dr. Md. Jalal Uddin Sarder, the Secretary Dr. Md.
Hemayatul Islam Arif, and other officials were present in the occasion. At the closing ceremony of the festivity, on 26th April 2014, a colorful rally was inaugurated from 3rd Science Building of RU by the RU Pro-VC Professor Chowdury Sarwar Jahan with freeing of one pair of pigeons. The whole campus was decorated with several colorful banners of WVD logo and theme, poster, placard etc. A seminar was arranged at IBCS Seminar Room, University of Rajshahi where professor Dr. Md. Khalequzzaman, Dept. of Zoology, RU adorned the stage as the chief guest. More than 250 audiences of RU including teachers, students, officers, farmers, Veterinary nurse and stuffs, print and electronic media personnel also participated in the seminar. BLS decided to build an animal & bird’s nest, conservation shed by environment friendly tree in this year of WVD. BLS declared WDV Award for cooperation to three persons.

The Vet Executive, Bangladesh
The Vet Executive celebrated the WVD 2014 with capital-based programs. The programs included rally, seminar etc. In the program, Mr. Muhammed Sayedul Hoque, Honorable minister, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, Govt. of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh was present as the chief guest. A Keynote paper was presented by Dr. Md. Mahmudul Hasan Sikder, Associate Professor, FVS, BAU, Mymensingh. The seminar was chaired by Dr. Humayun Arefin, President, The Vet Executive. The program was ended with a pleasant cultural program organized and participated by the Bangladesh Veterinary Student Federation (BVSF).

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