



Stray Dog Prevention Program

Date: 18th December 2025

Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Venue: IPS Board Hall

Introduction:

Dog bites and rabies-related incidents have become a growing public health concern in many parts of India, especially in areas where there is frequent interaction between humans and stray animals. College campuses, being open and crowded spaces, often have stray dogs around due to food waste, open surroundings, and constant movement of people. While dogs are generally friendly, fear, provocation, sudden movements, or lack of awareness can lead to unexpected bite incidents, which may result in serious physical injury and life-threatening diseases such as rabies. Rabies is a viral disease that affects the nervous system and is almost always fatal once symptoms appear. However, it is completely preventable if proper medical treatment is taken immediately after a dog bite. Unfortunately, many people are unaware of the correct first aid procedures and the importance of taking anti-rabies vaccination in time. Due to this lack of awareness, minor injuries often turn into serious health risks. Recognizing the importance of awareness and prevention, ASM Institute of Professional Studies organized the Dog Bite Prevention Program on 18 December 2025. The program aimed to educate students, teaching and non-teaching staff about the causes of dog bites, methods of prevention, and the correct steps to be taken after a bite. The initiative was taken as part of the college's commitment to student safety, public health, and social responsibility. Through this program, the institution sought to build a well-informed



and cautious campus community capable of preventing accidents and responding effectively in emergency situations.

Objective:

- To create awareness about the risks associated with dog bites and rabies
- To educate students about safe behavior around dogs
- To explain preventive measures to avoid dog bite incidents
- To inform students about first aid and immediate actions after a dog bite
- To encourage responsible and humane interaction with stray and pet dogs
- To promote public health and campus safety

Speaker: Dr. Vikas Barbate Dean, ASM's IPS

Report:

The Dog Bite Prevention Program was successfully conducted on 18 December 2025 at ASM Institute of Professional Studies with the objective of spreading awareness about dog bite prevention and rabies control. The program was organized for students, teaching staff, and non-teaching staff to ensure a safe and informed campus environment. The event was presided over by Dr. Vikas Barbate, Dean, ASM IPS, who was present as the Speaker for the program.

The session began with a warm welcome and a brief introduction highlighting the seriousness of dog bite incidents and their impact on public health. Dr. Vikas Barbate addressed the gathering and explained that dog bites are not only physical injuries but also serious health threats due to the risk of rabies. He emphasized that lack of awareness, fear, and improper behavior around



dogs are the major reasons for most dog bite cases. During his address, Dr. Barbate explained how people should behave safely around dogs. He advised students not to tease or provoke dogs, not to disturb them while eating or sleeping, and to avoid sudden movements or loud noises near animals. He also highlighted the importance of keeping a safe distance from unknown or aggressive dogs, especially stray animals on and around the campus. The speaker also discussed important preventive measures, such as keeping the campus clean, avoiding open food waste, and reporting injured or aggressive dogs to the concerned authorities or animal welfare organizations. He encouraged students to be responsible and humane towards animals while ensuring their own safety. A significant part of the session was dedicated to first aid and emergency steps after a dog bite. Dr. Barbate clearly explained that the wound should be immediately washed with soap and running water for at least 10 to 15 minutes to remove the virus. He also advised applying antiseptic and seeking medical attention without delay for anti-rabies vaccination. He stressed that rabies is 100% fatal if not treated in time but can be completely prevented with proper and timely medical care. The program was interactive, and students actively participated by asking questions related to dog behavior, vaccination, and safety. The speaker answered their queries and provided practical guidance. Informative instructions were shared to ensure that all participants understood the preventive and safety measures clearly. The program concluded with a vote of thanks and a message encouraging students to spread awareness about dog bite prevention and to act responsibly for the safety and well-being of both humans and animals. The session successfully fulfilled its purpose of educating and sensitizing the college community about this important health and safety issue.



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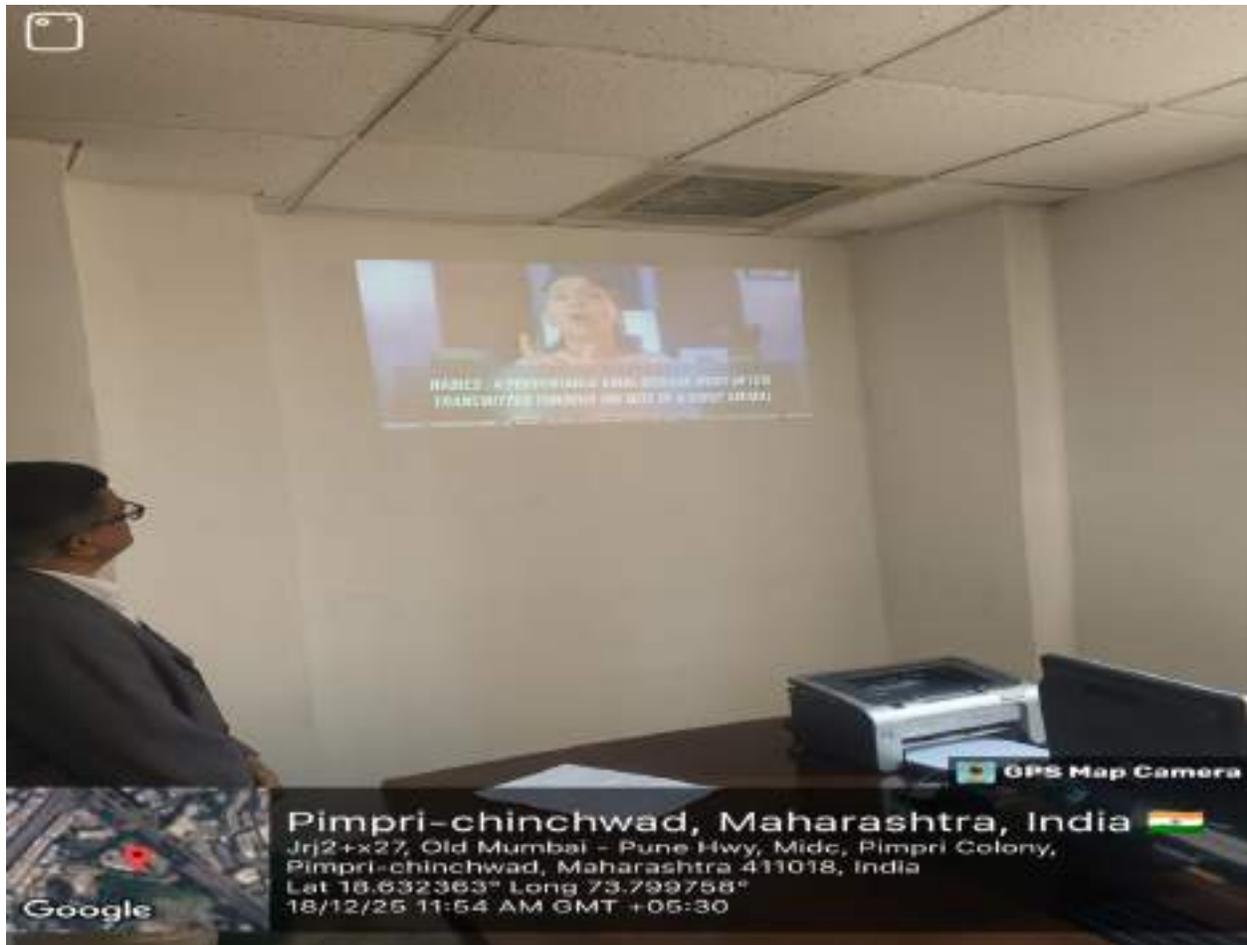
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Outcomes:

The Dog Bite Prevention Program proved to be highly beneficial for the students and staff of ASM IPS. The participants gained valuable knowledge about dog bite prevention, safe interaction with animals, and emergency response. The program increased awareness about rabies and highlighted the importance of immediate medical treatment. Students became more confident in handling situations involving stray dogs and were better prepared to protect themselves and others. Overall, the program contributed to a safer and more informed campus environment.