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On the Occasion of

WORLD RABIES DAY 2026

Theme

**“Rabies Elimination through One Health:
From Science to Action”**

**28 & 29
September
2026**



4:40 PM – 8:40 PM
Both days



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ONE HEALTH • ONE WORLD



ZERO RABIES

INTERNATIONAL/NATIONAL SPEAKERS

**The National
Rabies Control
Programme (NRCP)
and
the Way Forward**



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**Scientific Dog
Population
Management: ABC
Programme
Implementation,
Monitoring, Municipal/ULB
Engagement and Digital
Data/GIS-Based
Population Monitoring**



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**Role of NGOs and
International
Best Practices: Effective
Delivery Strategies
for Spay/Neuter
Programmes**



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**Global Rabies
Overview:
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**From Rabies Control
to Elimination:
Advancing the One
Health Roadmap
Towards Zero by 2030**



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**Rabies:
Understanding
the hidden Threat**



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**Fighting Rabies
through One Health:
What Will It Take?**



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**Strategies for
Rabies Control:
Surveillance Protocols
and the Mission Rabies
Experience in India**



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**Oral rabies vaccines
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