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Classical Swine Fever (CSF) Awareness Campaign of MAFSU

Classical Swine Fever (CSF), is commonly known as Hog Cholera, continues to pose a serious threat to pig production systems across the globe. This is highly contagious and often fatal viral disease affecting both domestic and wild pigs, leading to fever, haemorrhages, reproductive failures, and high mortality. Recognized as a notifiable disease by the World Organisation for Animal Health, carries significant economic and trade implications due to its rapid spread and devastating impact on pig farming. It is important to emphasize that CSF does not pose a threat to human health; however, its economic consequences are far-reaching. Therefore, sustained awareness, timely vaccination, and strict adherence to biosecurity practices are essential to mitigate its impact.

In India, CSF has long been endemic in the north-eastern and eastern regions; however, recent trends indicate its wider spread across the country, underscoring the urgent need for strengthened surveillance, awareness, and control strategies. The disease spreads primarily through direct contact with infected animals and indirectly via contaminated feed, equipment, and farm personnel, making biosecurity a cornerstone of prevention.

The clinical manifestations of CSF vary widely depending on the virulence of the virus strain. Acute infections are characterized by high fever, anorexia, conjunctivitis, diarrhoea, skin discoloration, and mortality rates that may reach up to 100 percent. Chronic and subclinical forms, often caused by low-virulence strains, present diagnostic challenges as they may only manifest as poor reproductive performance or congenital abnormalities in piglets. Such variability complicates field diagnosis and necessitates laboratory confirmation through advanced diagnostic techniques such as RT-PCR, antigen detection, and serological assays.

Given the non-specific clinical signs and similarities with other diseases, timely and accurate diagnosis remains a critical challenge. Strengthening diagnostic infrastructure, enhancing laboratory capacity, and promoting scientific training in disease detection are essential steps toward effective disease management.

The economic burden of CSF is substantial. Losses arise not only from high mortality and reduced productivity but also from the implementation of control measures such as culling, movement restrictions, and trade limitations. For small and marginal pig farmers, these losses can be devastating, directly affecting their livelihoods and food security.

Effective control of CSF relies on a multi-pronged approach. Strict biosecurity measures, controlled animal movement, stamping-out policies in outbreak situations, and widespread vaccination using live attenuated vaccines are key strategies. Controlling the disease in wild reservoir hogs by oral bait recipe is also an option. Equally important is continuous surveillance and a robust disease reporting system that enables early detection and rapid response.

However, several constraints hinder the successful implementation of CSF control programmes. These include limited



awareness among farmers, inadequate diagnostic facilities, insufficient vaccine supply, financial constraints, and the need for specialized training in epidemiology and disease surveillance. Availability of vaccine is the major concern today. Addressing these challenges requires coordinated efforts between government agencies, veterinary institutions, and pig farming communities.

In this context, Maharashtra Animal and Fishery Sciences University has taken proactive initiatives to bridge the knowledge gap and empower stakeholders. A significant milestone was the organization of a one-day CSF Awareness Workshop held on November 12, 2025, at Kranti Sinh Nana Patil College of Veterinary Science, Shirwal, under the Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme (LHDCP-CADCP). Conducted in collaboration with the Department of Animal Husbandry, Government of Maharashtra, this programme marked one of the first large-scale awareness efforts in the region.

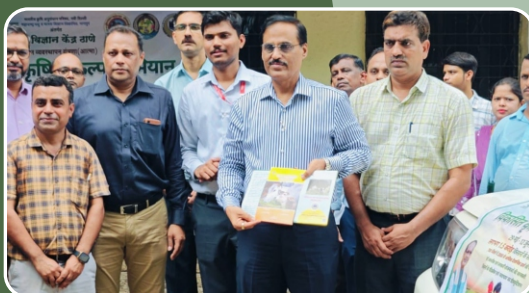
The workshop witnessed participation from over 200 farmers across 15 districts, reflecting the growing interest and need for scientific guidance in pig farming. Expert lectures, interactive sessions, and awareness activities—including student-led skits—effectively communicated the importance of vaccination, biosecurity, and disease management. Informative materials and practical guidance were provided to participants, equipping them with the tools necessary to safeguard their farms.

Such initiatives not only enhance pig farmer awareness but also strengthen the critical linkage between veterinary professionals and the pig farming community. The continued efforts of MAFSU, supported by dedicated faculty and staff, demonstrate our commitment to improving the livestock health, enhancing productivity, and securing farmer livelihoods. MAFSU and Kranti Sinh Nana Patil College of Veterinary Science continues to play a proactive role by regularly organizing pig production and management training programmes to enhance farmers' skills and improve farm productivity. Importantly, the KNP college has been actively supporting pig farmers even in the past. Whenever required, KNP College of Veterinary Science, Shirwal facilitated the supply of CSF vaccine to farmers through the Institute of Animal Health and Veterinary Biologicals, Bangalore, thereby contributing to disease prevention efforts in the region.

MAFSU remains committed to advancing research, education, and extension services in swine health. Through continuous training programmes, farmer outreach activities, and collaboration with national institutions, we aim to build a resilient and informed pig farming sector in Maharashtra and beyond.

The fight against Classical Swine Fever requires collective responsibility. With informed farmers, vigilant veterinary systems, and strong institutional support, we can effectively control and eventually eradicate this disease, ensuring a sustainable future for the livestock sector.

Dr. Niteen Patil
Vice-Chancellor, MAFSU



Seeding Resilience, Harvesting Hope:

From the remotest hamlets of Vidarbha to the sugarcane belts of Sangli, a quiet revolution in livestock and agricultural resilience is taking root - powered by science, inclusion, and the indomitable spirit of farmers. When the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyaan (VKSA-2025) was launched by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, it carried a bold promise to align India's farming communities with a vision of sustainable, science-driven, and climate-resilient agriculture. Rising to this national call, the Maharashtra Animal & Fishery Sciences University (MAFSU), Nagpur, emerged as a key catalyst of change, blending academic excellence with grassroots action in a mission that was both timely and transformative.

At its core, the Abhiyaan seeks to empower farmers with knowledge, technology, and confidence to shape a self-reliant agricultural future. For MAFSU, with its stronghold in veterinary, dairy, and fishery sciences, VKSA was more than a campaign—it was a responsibility and an opportunity to demonstrate the philosophy of “Lab to Land to Livelihoods.” In just 15 days, from 29 May to 12 June 2025, the University through Directorate of Extension Education mobilized its experts, Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), and faculty networks to extend science-backed advisories across Maharashtra, creating an impact that was appreciable in scale.

The outreach extended to 1,445 villages across 32 districts, bringing 2.99 lakh farmers into the fold — among them, 71,798 women whose participation stands as a testament to inclusive growth. The three participating KVKs—Nagpur, Thane, and Sangli—conducted 270 intensive campaigns reaching over 58,000 farmers, while the One District–One Officer (OD–OO) programme enabled faculty members to

MAFSU's Catalytic Role in VKSA-2025

deliver decentralized advisories in 1,154 villages, connecting with more than 2.40 lakh farmers. Meanwhile, the Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan (UBA) framework ensured that 25 adopted villages received institution-led, knowledge-intensive interventions benefitting over 1,100 farmers. Together, these arms demonstrated a seamless synergy of academic rigor, community partnership, and field responsiveness.

The thematic interventions were wide-ranging and practical, covering fodder fortification, silage preparation, vaccination and deworming, biosecurity, value addition in milk, backyard poultry, goat farming, and even the use of precision technologies such as drone spraying and seed treatment demonstrations. For farmers in drought-prone Vidarbha, silage demonstrations offered hope for year-round fodder security. In the tribal belts of Konkan, backyard poultry and goat rearing advisories unlocked livelihood avenues for women farmers. In Western Maharashtra's sugarcane-rich belt, value addition in milk and dairy by-products sparked entrepreneurial aspirations among rural youth. One farmer from Sangli captured the spirit of this transformation, saying, "Earlier we saw livestock only as survival; now we see it as prosperity with science."

Ultimately, VKSA-2025 was not merely a campaign but a movement of hope and action. It has reaffirmed MAFSU's sacred commitment to ensure that the power of science touches every farmer, every household, and every village. In the words of the University's guiding ethos:

“विज्ञानं ग्रामिणां हिताय, समृद्धये च राष्ट्रस्य”

Science for the welfare of rural communities and prosperity of the nation!

Compiled by Dr. Amol Patil
COVAS, Parbhani





TRAININGS

ASCAD TRAINING

The Maharashtra Animal & Fishery Sciences University, Nagpur, has successfully organized 6 trainings of 5 days duration for the 150 livestock development officers and 9 trainings of 6 days duration for 275 livestock supervisors from the State Animal Husbandry Department during April to June 2025. These trainings were organized by the constituent colleges of the University under the project entitled 'Capacity Building of Veterinarians and Para Veterinarians in Animal Disease Control' sanctioned under the Central Scheme of ASCAD-2025 with an outlay of Rs. 23,92,200/-. Dr. A. U. Bhikane, Director, Extension Education, led the project with Associate Deans of the respective colleges as implementing officers and the Project coordinators at the college level, as Dr. P. D. Gadhawe, Pathologist, MVC, Mumbai, Dr. P. M. Sonkusare, Professor, Vet. Pathology, NVC, Nagpur, Dr. P. V. Yeotikar, Professor, VBC, COVAS, Parbhani, Dr. A. V. Bhosale,



Release of Training manual published for trainees by Dr. N. V. Patil, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor at COVAS, Udgir



Expert delivering lecture during training at COVAS, Parbhani

Associate Professor, VMC, COVAS, Udgir, Dr. B. N. Ambore, Professor, Medicine, KNPCVS, Shirwal and Dr. S. P. Landge, Professor and Technical Officer, DEE from the University.



Release of training manual at NVC, Nagpur

TRAINING ON 'COMMERCIAL POULTRY FARMING' AT NVC NAGPUR

Department of Poultry Science, Nagpur Veterinary College, organized training programme on 'Commercial Poultry Farming' from 21st to 25th April 2025. Total 24 farmers and unemployed youth participated in training programme. The training was coordinated by Dr. Darshana B. Bhisare under the guidance of Dr. M. M. Kadam, Head of the Department of Poultry Science. The event was graced by Dr. Laxman Kumarwad, Director of IGNOU Regional Centre, Nagpur, as the Chief Guest, along with Dr. A.P. Somkuwar, Associate Dean, Nagpur Veterinary College.



Trainees with guest and faculty members

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING ON 'RADIOLOGY AND RADIOLOGICAL INTERPRETATIONS IN SMALL ANIMAL PRACTICE' AT MVC, MUMBAI

The Department of Surgery and Radiology, MVC, Mumbai organized training programme on "Radiology and Radiological Interpretations for Veterinary Clinicians" from 23rd to 25th April 2025. Dr. S. P. Tyagi, Professor and Head,

Department of VSR, DGCN College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, a renowned Veterinary Radiologist and Academician as the invited speaker and special guest of the programme, Dr. L. B. Sarkate, Ex. Director of Research (MAFSU), was the Chief Guest of the inaugural function while Dr. Sanjay Tripathi, Director, Veer Jijamata Zoo was the guest of honour. Dr. G. S. Khandekar, Professor and Head, Department of VSR and Convener of training programme, Course Director Dr. G. U. Yadav, coordinators Dr. S. V. Gaikwad, Dr. R. R. Rohi and Dr. S. D. Tripathi coordinated the training programme under the guidance of Dr. S. D. Ingole, Associate Dean, MVC. Total 17 veterinarians participated in this training programme which included lectures and practical sessions under expert faculty such as Dr. S. P. Tyagi and Dr. Kiran Bendhale, Scientist ATREC.



Participants of the training programme along with the dignitaries

TRAINING ON 'DAIRY TECHNOLOGY AND ITS PROCESSING' AT CDT WARUD

College of Dairy Technology, Warud (Pusad) hosted a residential training program on 'Dairy Technology and Dairy Processing' as part of a project financed by the Maharashtra Centre for Entrepreneurship Development, Yavatmal from 28th April to 28th May 2025. A total of 40 individuals actively engaged. Various experts from the college and beyond were invited to explore and deliver theoretical knowledge as well as demonstration of preparation of products to the participants at the college's



Participants with the staff of the college

STDP. Coordinator Dr. G. N. Narnarware and Co-coordinator Dr. P. S. Patil executed the training under the guidance of Dr. P. G. Wasnik, Associate Dean, Warud (Pusad).

TRAINING ON 'BASICS OF WILDLIFE HEALTH MANAGEMENT' AT WRTC, NAGPUR

A training session entitled 'Basic of Wildlife Health Management' for Range Forest Officers and Round Officers was conducted at the Wildlife Research and Training Centre, Nagpur during 7th to 8th May 2025 and on 05th June 2025 co-ordinated by Dr. S. V. Upadhye, Director, WRTC, Gorewada. Dr. Niteen Patil, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MAFSU graced the inaugural function of the training program on 7th May 2025. A total of 53 participants took part in the training, actively engaging in interactive sessions, field demonstrations, and discussions focused on current challenges and advancements in the field. The Co-ordinator for the training session was Dr. S. V. Upadhye.



Dr. Shalini giving information regarding hand rearing of orphan young ones

'MODERN GOAT FARMING' TRAININGS AT KNPCVS SHIRWAL

Department of Livestock Production and Management, KNP Veterinary College, Shirwal organized training programmes on 'Modern Goat Farming' from 13th to



Participants with the staff of college

15th May, 2025 and 25th to 27th June 2025. A total of 45 men and women have participated in these training programs. Dr. Sainath Bhokare, Training coordinator coordinated the training under the guidance of Dr. Vishwasrao Salunkhe, I/C Associate Dean of the college. Dr. Gokul Sonawane, Dr. Gunaji Yadav, Dr. Vijay Kadam co-coordinated these programmes.

'MODERN PIG FARMING' TRAINING AT KNPCVS SHIRWAL

A residential training on 'Modern Pig Farming' was organized at KNP Veterinary College, Shirwal from 26th to 28th May 2025. Total 25 pig farmers and pig entrepreneurs from 11 districts of Maharashtra participated in this training. The training program was inaugurated by Dr. Vikas Vaskar, Associate Dean. Dr. Hemant Birade, former Associate Dean, was present as the chief guest for the concluding program. Training was coordinated by Dr. G. S. Sonawane and co-coordinated by Dr. Raju Shelar, Dr. Vidya Nimbalkar and Dr. Vijay Kadam.



Participants with the staff of the college

MAITRI TRAINING PROGRAMS AT NVC, NAGPUR

Department of ARGO, Nagpur Veterinary College, Nagpur organized three months training program on 'Establishment of Multipurpose Artificial Insemination



Release of training manual by the dignitaries

Technicians in Rural India (MAITRI)' sponsored by MLDB, Nagpur, under National Gokul Mission. First batch of MAITRI training has started from 04th June 2025 for 30 participants. The inauguration ceremony conducted on 05th June 2025 at the hands of Chief Guest Dr. S. V. Upadhye, Dean (Vet) and Director of Instruction, Dr. A. U. Bhikane, Director of Extension Education, Dr. Nitin Thakre, ACAH, Nagpur and Dr. A. P. Somkuwar, Implementing Officer and Associate Dean. Training Coordinator Dr. M. S. Bawaskar and Co-coordinator Dr. Waquar Ahmed conducted the training programme under the guidance of Project Coordinator Dr. D. S. Raghuwanshi.

AN AWARENESS PROGRAM ON 'HYGIENIC MEAT PRODUCTION' AT MVC, MUMBAI

An awareness program on "Hygienic Meat Production" was jointly organized by the Dept. of VPH, MVC, Mumbai and Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation on 12th June 2025 for 70 meat producers and vendors. The program's chief guide, Dr. Ravindra Zende, and Dr. Vilas Vaidya, Professors from MVC, Mumbai, Dr. Prashant Javade, Medical Health Officer and Dr. Shrikant Todkar, Veterinary Officer from Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation delivered lectures on hygienic meat production.



Dr. R. J. Zende delivering lecture on hygienic meat production

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME ON 'SMALL ANIMAL THORACIC AND ABDOMINAL ULTRASONOGRAPHY' AT MVC, MUMBAI

The Department of Surgery and Radiology, MVC organized an international training programme for 25 participants on 'Small Animal Thoracic and Abdominal Ultrasonography' from 16th to 18th June 2025 which was

inaugurated by Chief guest Dr. L. B. Sarkate, Ex. Director of Research, MAFSU. Dr. Adarsh Kumar, Professor VSR and Head TVCC, College of Veterinary Science, Palampur and Dr. Sunetra Wadke, Renowned Vet Clinician and Sonologist, Mumbai were the invited speakers. Dr. Devendra Jadhav, Deputy Commissioner Quality Control lab, Goregaon was the Chief Guest of the Valedictory function. Dr. G. S. Khandekar, Professor and Head VSR, was the convener and Dr. S. D. Tripathi, Associate Professor was the Course Director of the training programme.



Participants involved in hands on training

NATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM ON 'CANINE AND FELINE DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASONOGRAPHY' AT MVC, MUMBAI

The Department of ARGO, MVC, Mumbai organized national training program on 'Canine and Feline Diagnostic Ultrasonography' during 26th to 28th June 2025. Total 20 participants took part in the training. The training covered essential topics by Dr. Sunetra Wadke, Dr. V.M. Chariar and Dr. Sarita Gulavane, retired Associate Dean, Mumbai Veterinary College. The program was coordinated by Organizing Secretaries Dr. N. R. Dagli, Dr. R.J. Chaudhari and Dr. S.M. Gaikwad.



Participants involved in hands on training



WORKSHOPS/ CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS

HANDS - ON WORKSHOP ON 'LAPAROSCOPIC GYNECOLOGICAL SURGERIES'

A one-day hands on 'Laparoscopic Gynecological Surgeries' was conducted for MBBS, MD/MS in Ob. Gynecologists to expose them to laparoscopic basic to advance procedures was conducted at MVC, Mumbai on 25th July 2025. Dr. Uddhavraj was the invited faculty. Dr. G. S. Khandekar, Professor and Head, VSR was the course director while Dr. S. D. Tripathi, Dr. S. V. Gaikwad and Dr. R. R. Rohi were the coordinators of this training programme.



Participants involved in Hands on Training

ONE DAY WORKSHOP ON 'WILD SURAKSHE: PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAM'

College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Udgir in association with Centre for Wildlife Studies, Bengaluru conducted one day workshop on 'Wild Surakshe: Public Health and Safety Program' on 13th April 2025. The program was organized by placement cell COVAS, Udgir



Guest delivering lecture during Seminar

under the chairmanship of Dr. N. Z. Gaikwad, Associate Dean of the college. The chief guest of the program was Shri. Ganesh Honwad & Miss. Neha Bhandare.

ONLINE WORKSHOP ON 'PREPARATION OF INTERVIEW SKILLS' AT COVAS, AKOLA

In view of development of soft skills amongst students preparing for competitive examinations, the COVAS, Akola organized an online workshop on 'Preparation of Interview skills' on 1st June, 2025, wherein 950 aspiring students of MAFSU participated. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. S. V. Upadhye, DI and Dean, MAFSU, Nagpur. Mr. Sharad Patil, Faculty of the Unique Academy, Pune guided and interacted with students. The programme was coordinated by Dr. P. S. Bankar, ADSW, COVAS, Akola under the guidance of Dr. C. H. Pawshe, Associate Dean, COVAS, Akola.

ONLINE WEBINAR ON 'RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT' HELD AT COVAS, AKOLA

In view of MPSC LDO examination, the COVAS, Akola organized an online webinar on 'Preparation of Right to Information Act' on 7th June, 2025 under the chairmanship of Dr. C. H. Pawshe, Associate Dean, COVAS, Akola, wherein 300 aspiring students of MAFSU participated. Mr. Vishal Ahire, Faculty of the Unique Academy, Pune delivered talk on "RTI". The programme was coordinated by Dr. P. S. Bankar, ADSW, COVAS, Akola.

TECHNICAL SEMINAR ON 'DERMATOLOGICAL DISORDERS IN DOGS' ORGANIZED AT COVAS, AKOLA

A technical seminar on 'Dermatological Disorders in Dogs' was organized by TVCC, COVAS, Akola on 19th June, 2025, wherein 35 students and staff participated. The programme held under the chairmanship of Dr. C. H. Pawshe, Associate Dean, COVAS, Akola and coordinated by Dr. S. P. Waghmare, Professor & Hospital Superintendent, TVCC, COVAS, Akola.



ANIMAL HEALTH CAMPS

ANIMAL HEALTH CAMP FOR ZALAWADI GOATS BY COVAS, AKOLA

An extensive animal health camp focused on Zalawadi goats was organized from 8th to 10th April, 2025, in Dhule and Nandurbar districts of Maharashtra by COVAS, Akola. The initiative was carried out under the community-based goat project in collaboration with the Annasaheb Shinde Foundation for Agro and Social Development (ASF), Mumbai, and MAFSU, Nagpur. The health camp covered 15 villages across the two districts, reaching out to 76 goat-rearing families and examining a total of 3,386 Zalawadi goats. The camp was inaugurated at the hands of Shri Jitendra Papalkar, District Collector of Dhule at Lamkani village and concluded by Dr. A.U. Bhikane, Director of Extension Education, MAFSU, Nagpur. The programme was chaired by Mr. Kiran Patwardhan, CEO of ASF, Mumbai. The camp was coordinated by Dr. G. J. Panchbhai, Dr. R.V. Raulkar, Dr. K.S. Pajai & Dr. D.A. Pawalkar, faculty members from COVAS, Akola.



Dignitaries and Goat owners during inauguration of camp

VACCINATION AND HEALTH CHECKUP CAMP BY MVC, MUMBAI

On World Veterinary Day, the NSS Unit of Mumbai Veterinary College, Mumbai organized Health checkup and Anti-Rabies Vaccination camp and Rabies Awareness Program on 26th April 2025 at VCC, Goregaon and Parel OPD center. Total 90 pets were

vaccinated against Rabies. The vaccines used during the camp were provided under the ASCAD Program by the Maharashtra State Animal Husbandry Department. Another camp was organized on 20th May 2025 on the occasion of Maharashtra Animal Husbandry Day. This camp was inaugurated by Dr. Prashant Kamble, RJC, Mumbai Region, and Dr. Shailesh Pethe, DCAH, Mumbai. A total of 80 pet animals were vaccinated. The camp and awareness programmes were successfully conducted by Dr. G. S. Khandekar, Dr. R. R. Pharande, Dr. Anup Kumar, Mr. D. Savaratkar, Dr. N. R. Dagli, Dr. Rajesh Rohi, Dr. Prashant Gadhave under the guidance of Dr. S. D. Ingole, Associate Dean, Mumbai Veterinary College.



Anti-Rabies-Vaccination & Health Checkup Camp at VCC Goregaon

ANIMAL HEALTH CAMPS BY COVAS, UDGIR

College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Udgir organized 05 animal health camps during April to June 2025 and total 378 animals were treated for different ailments by Dr. R. V. Suryawanshi, Dr. R. K. Jadhav and Dr. P. V. Patil from COVAS, Udgir. Deworming, vaccination and spraying for ecto-parasitic control was also carried out during these camps



Drenching of Dewormer during camp

HEALTH CAMP BY COVAS, AKOLA

Under the guidance of Dr. C. H. Pawshe, the Associate Dean, COVAS, Akola, Dr. R. V. Raulkar and Dr. M. R. Wade conducted animal health camp in adopted village Morgaon Bhakare on 26th April 2025 & 12th June 2025 with the help of postgraduate students. Total 131 animals were treated during these camps.



Expert performing surgery during camp

DONKEY HEALTH CAMP BY COVAS, AKOLA

COVAS, Akola conducted a health camp for Kaikadi donkeys at Achalpur, Dist. Amravati on 23rd May, 2025, under ICAR NRCE funded SCSP project, wherein 35 donkeys were treated for injuries, deworming etc. The first aid medicines and feed supplements were given to donkey owners. The camp was coordinated by Dr. P. S. Bankar, Dr. S. G. Deshmukh and project workers with the help of LDOs.



Experts during camp

MEGA ANIMAL HEALTH CAMP, GOKULAM, AMRAVATI

Dr. R. S. Ingole, Professor, Dept. of Veterinary Pathology, COVAS, Akola participated as expert in Mega Animal Health Camp organized at Gokulam, Amravati on 13.04.2025 and rendered expert services in diagnostics.



Expert performing rumenotomy during camp



EXHIBITIONS

PARTICIPATION OF KNPCVS, SHIRWAL IN DONGRI EXHIBITION

Krantisinh Nana Patil College of Veterinary Sciences Shirwal participated in Koyana Daulat Dongri Mahotsav 2025 at village Marli, Tal. Patan, Dist. Satara during 15th -17th April 2025. Staff of the college participated in the exhibition under the guidance of Dr. V.S. Waskar, Associate Dean of the college. Staff member of the college bears the responsibility to guide the thousands of farmers of Dongri area.



Experts present for exhibition



CELEBRATIONS

CELEBRATION OF 'WORLD HEALTH DAY-2025' AT NVC, NAGPUR

World Health Day was celebrated on 7th April 2025, with theme of "Healthy beginnings, hopeful futures"

at NVC, Nagpur. Key note speaker Mrs. Sucheta Dhoot delivered lecture on "Good Stress- Bad Stress". The staff and students participated in the programme. The programme was co-ordinated by Dr. V. M. Dhoot, Professor & Head, Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine, Ethics & Jurisprudence, Nagpur Veterinary College, Nagpur.



Dr. A. P. Somkuwar, Associate Dean, NVC, Nagpur welcoming Mrs. Sucheta Dhoot

CELEBRATION OF 134TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF BHARAT RATNA DR. BABASAHEB AMBEDKAR

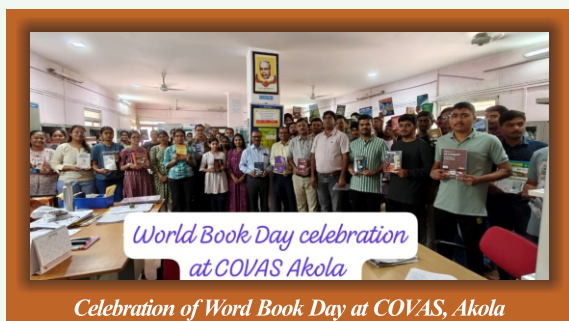
The 134th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar was celebrated at MAFSU Head Quarter and constituent colleges of MAFSU, Nagpur on 14th April 2025 by paying floral tributes to the "Architect" of Indian Constitution. Various programmes organized included reading of preamble of Constitution of India, Quiz for staff and students, playing of small video on the life of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, 12 Hours continuous reading etc. in which staff & students participated with great enthusiasm.



Pledge of Indian Constitution by staff and students at MVC, Mumbai

CELEBRATION OF 'WORLD BOOK DAY' AND 'NASHA MukT BHARAT ABHIYAN' AT COVAS, AKOLA

COVAS, Akola celebrated 'World Book Day' on 23rd April, 2025 to inculcate reading habits in students and also observed the "Nasha MukT Bharat Abhiyan" on 24th June, 2025 on occasion of Drug Free India Movement, under chairmanship of Dr. C. H. Pawshe, Associate Dean. The programmes were coordinated by Dr. K. Y. Deshpande, Incharge Library, Dr. M. M. Vaidya, Dr. G. J. Panchbhair and Dr. P. S. Bankar, ADSW.



Celebration of World Book Day at COVAS, Akola

CELEBRATION OF 'INTERNATIONAL GENOME DAY' AT COVAS, UDGIR

To commemorate International Genome Day on 25th April 2025, Department of Animal Genetics and Breeding at COVAS, Udgir, organized an exhibition at Times Public School, Udgir. Students from the veterinary college showcased genome-related models, which were visited and appreciated by students from grades 7-10 of Times Public School. The event was successfully coordinated under the guidance of Associate Dean, with oversight from Dr. Sanjay Dhaware, Professor, Dept. of AGB.

CELEBRATION OF 'WORLD VETERINARY DAY'

World Veterinary Day, 2025 was celebrated on 26th April 2025 at COVAS, Udgir by organizing various activities like seminar, awareness and vaccinations drive. Technical Seminar was organized on the theme of the year, 'Animal Health Takes a Team' for the field veterinarians, UG/PG students and faculty of the college at COVAS, Udgir. KNPCVS, Shirwal and Virbac jointly

organized programme in which Dr. Rahul, Area Manager of Animal Health India, gave expert guidance on the topic of 'Art of Mastitis'.



Dr. Raje, LDO, Late, Baramati, Pune delivering lecture at COVAS, Udgir

CELEBRATION OF 'MAHARASHTRA DAY'

Maharashtra Day was celebrated at MAFSU Head quarter and all constituent colleges and institutes of MAFSU on 1st May 2025 by hoisting of National Flag by the hands of Head of the Institute. At MAFSU Head Quarter, Dr. N. V. Patil, Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor, MAFSU hoisted National Flag.



Flag hoisting on occasion of Maharashtra day at MAFSU H.Q.

CELEBRATION OF 'INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY'

Constituent colleges of MAFSU celebrated 'International Day for Biological Diversity' on 22nd May 2025 the theme of which was "Harmony with nature and sustainable development". NVC, Nagpur organized one day Awareness Programme for farmers. The Leaflet on 'Selection and breeding of indigenous goat breeds for sustainable livestock farming' for farmers was released in the programme. Shri. Sachin Puneekar, Founder and President, Biosphere Institute, Pune delivered lecture at

KNPCVS, Shirwal, Guest talk on “Avian diversity” by Mr. Amol Sawant, Director of Nisarg Katta, Akola, at COVAS, Akola, a Lecture was organized on fish Biodiversity at COFS, Nagpur. On this occasion, various competitions like Essay writing, Drawing competition, Photography contest and Slogan writing competitions were conducted for students at COFS, Udgir.



Release of leaflet on occasion of International Day for Biological Diversity by NVC, Nagpur

CELEBRATION OF 'WORLD MILK DAY'

World Milk Day 2025 was celebrated by constituent colleges of MAFSU on 1st June 2025. All constituent colleges and KVKs of MAFSU celebrated World Milk Day on 1st June 2025 by organizing various programmes such as one-day workshop, lectures, rallies, milk awareness programmes, demonstration of milk products preparation and distribution of milk and milk products to staff and students in colleges, schools, cities and adopted villages.



Distribution of milk products to children at adopted village by CDT, Warud

CELEBRATION OF 'WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY'

The 'World Environment Day' was celebrated on 5th June 2025 at constituent colleges and institutes of

MAFSU, Nagpur. Since the idea of this year's World Environment Day was “End Plastic Pollution”, plastic elimination campaigns were implemented by NSS volunteers, students and teaching staff by organizing tree plantation, awareness about the detrimental effects of plastic waste and promotion of sustainable solutions to reduce plastic consumption and pollution in the college campus. A poster making competition was held for students on the theme “Beat the plastic pollution”. BTGIZP, Nagpur and WRTC, Nagpur organized blood donation camp on 7th June 2025.



Tree plantation at MVC, Mumbai by Dr. S. D. Ingole, Associate Dean, MVC, Mumbai

CELEBRATION OF 'INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY'

The International Yoga Day was celebrated by MAFSU and constituent colleges of MAFSU on 21st June, 2025 wherein the staff and students performed various Yogasanas under the guidance of Yoga experts. Importance of 'Sahaj Yog Dhyam' in our daily life was explained by expert team members from Her Holiness Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi Sahajyog Trust, New Delhi at various constituent colleges and at Head Quarter Nagpur. The 1 Mah R & V Squadron NCC of Nagpur Veterinary College conducted series of well-coordinated activities under the



Dr. N. V. Patil, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and other staff members during Sahaj Yog Dhyam at Nagpur



Celebration of International Yoga Day at MVC, Mumbai

theme "Yoga for One Earth, One Health", promoting physical well-being, environmental consciousness, and mental wellness. A special session titled 'Yoga Connect' was organized at the auditorium of Nagpur Veterinary College, featuring a lecture by a renowned yoga expert.



NCC cadets performing yogasana on horse back



OTHER ACTIVITIES

FIELD VISIT

Dr. P. V. Patil visited the buffalo farm of Shri. Dnyanoba Gurme, Her Tq. Udgir dist. Latur and demonstrated about silage making from Megasweet fodder on 17th April 2025. He also guided about how to prepare homemade concentrate, feeding management of buffaloes etc.



Dr. P. V. Patil demonstrating silage making

GUEST LECTURE ON 'TOTAL HIP REPLACEMENT : INSIGHTS FROM DR. JHA'S PRACTICE" AT MVC, MUMBAI

The Department of Surgery and Radiology, Mumbai Veterinary College organized a lecture on 'Total Hip Replacement: Insights from Dr. Jha's Practice' by Dr. Shantibhushan Jha, Chief Vet, Austin and an alumnus of college on 27th May 2025. More than 20 staff and students and alumni of other Veterinary colleges of MAFSU also joined the lecture through Google online meet.



Dr. Shantibhushan Jha demonstrating THR procedure

DR. S. D. TRIPATHI ACTED AS LEAD SPEAKER

Dr. S. D. Tripathi, Associate Professor, Department of VSR, MVC was invited as lead speaker for the Cat series organized by Awadh Pet Practitioners Association, Lucknow on 08th June 2025. He delivered his talk on GIT and UT surgeries in cats.



Dr. S. D. Tripathi delivering his lecture

DISTRIBUTION OF GOAT UNITS TO SC BENEFICIARIES BY KNPCVS, SHIRWAL

KNPCVS, Shirwal, MAFSU, Nagpur as well as ICAR and National High Security Veterinary Institute, Bhopal, under the project 'Modern Goat Farming for Sustainable Livelihood of Scheduled Caste Farmers',

distributed goat units (4+1) to 25 beneficiaries from the villages adopted by the college by the hands of the Associate Dean Dr. Vikas Waskar. Project Coordinator was Dr. P. D. Pawar, Professor, Parasitology.



Distribution of Goat units to the SC beneficiaries



EMPLOYEES CORNER

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- Dr. A. U. Bhikane, Director of Extension Education, MAFSU, Nagpur superannuated on 30th June 2025. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor felicitated Dr. A. U. Bhikane, acknowledging his long-standing service and contribution in strengthening veterinary education, research and extension at MAFSU.



Dr. N. V. Patil, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor felicitating Dr. A. U. Bhikane, Director Extension Education

- Dr. A. P. Somkuwar, Associate Dean, Nagpur Veterinary College, Nagpur has superannuated on date 30th June 2025 and Dr. J. P. Korde has taken over the charge of Associate Dean, Nagpur Veterinary College, Nagpur



Dr. A. P. Somkuwar, Associate Dean, NVC, Nagpur expressing his thoughts on the day of superannuation

- Shri. N. B. Dhule, Assistant Registrar, COFS, Udgir was felicitated at the hands of Dr. B.R. Kharatmol, Associate Dean, COFS, Udgir on his superannuation on 30th May 2025.



Shri. N. B. Dhule along with Associate Dean and staff of college

- Mr. Nana Sonule, Attendant from Cattle Breeding Farm, Nagpur Veterinary College, Nagpur, has superannuated on 30th June 2025.



Dr. Korde, Associate Dean felicitating Mr. Nana Sonule



NSS/NCC ACTIVITIES

ORGANIZATION OF DEFENSE MOCK DRILL

Cadets of 1 MAH R & V Sq., NCC unit, NVC, Nagpur, students of COFS, Nagpur and CDT, Warud participated in defense mock drill organized on 7th May 2025 at respective colleges. NCC cadets were trained to act as a second line of defense, assisting with tasks like first aid, evacuation, and traffic control, while also supporting civil and military authorities.

The NSS volunteers organized the defense mock drill for the students of the colleges under the guidance of NSS Programme Officer Shri S.S. Relekar at COFS, Nagpur and Dr. S. J. Shende at CDT, Warud. The drill was conducted to ensure the safety and security of students and staff in the event of an emergency.



NCC cadets during Mock Drill

LECTURE ON 'CELEBRATING NARI SHAKTI : BY 1 MAH R & V SQUADRON NCC

The 1 Maharashtra Remount and Veterinary Squadron NCC organized an enlightening lecture on the theme 'Celebrating Nari Shakti: A Step Towards Social Equity and Empowerment' on 27th June 2025 at Nagpur Veterinary College. The event was organized under the guidance of Lt Col Abhinav Sharma (Commanding Officer). Lt Shital Chopde, Associate NCC Officer delivered a lecture and interacted with 40 Senior Wing cadets from NVC, Nagpur.



Lt Shital Chopde delivering lecture



STUDENTS CORNER

GUIDANCE PROGRAMME ON 'MEET THE INDUSTRY' FOR STUDENTS AT COVAS, PARBHANI

The College of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Parbhani organized guidance programme on 'Meet the Industry' for the students on 4th April 2025. Mr. Rajiv Gandhi, CEO & MD, Hester Biosciences Limited and Member, National Advisory Committee for Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Govt. of India guided the students. Other guidance programmes were organized for technical competitive examination aspiring candidates on 13th June which was guided by Dr. Shahaji Phand, Dy. Director, MANAGE, Hyderabad and on 25th June by Dr. Dilip Patil, Scientist E, National Institute of Virology, Pune. The programmes were coordinated by Dr. G. R. Gangane, Associate Professor and I/c Placement Cell under the guidance of Dr. S. R. Rajurkar, Associate Dean, COVAS, Parbhani.



Expert Guiding Students

INDUCTION PROGRAMME FOR FIRST BATCH OF B.V.SC. AND A.H. AT COVAS, AKOLA

In view of initiation of B.V.Sc. and A.H. degree programme at COVAS, Akola, the Induction Programme for newly admitted first year students and their parents was organized on 11th April, 2025. The programme was inaugurated at the hands of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MAFSU, Nagpur Dr. N.V. Patil and graced with the presence of Director of Instructions and Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Sciences, Dr. S. V. Upadhye and Dr. Sandip Ingle, Vice President, Veterinary Council of India, New Delhi. The programme was held under the chairmanship of Dr. C. H. Pawshe, Associate Dean and coordinated by Dr. S. P. Waghmare, Dr. M. G. Thorat, Dr. S. G. Deshmukh, Dr. P. S. Bankar and all faculties. Total 80 students reported during admission.



Students & parents along with Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and senior officers and faculty members of college

'MATSYA DARPAN-2025' ANNUAL SOCIAL GATHERING AT COFS, UDGIR

Third year students of COFS, Udgir organized 'Matsya Darpan 2025' Annual Social Gathering on 04th June 2025. Various cultural events were performed by the students. On this occasion, the award of Best Student



Students performance during cultural programme

of the year - 2025 and Best NSS Volunteer of the year-2025 were awarded to Ms. Vaishnavi Sonwale and Mr. Kaushal Pote at the hands of Dr. B. R. Kharatmol, Associate Dean, COFS, Udgir.



VISIT OF DIGNITARIES

VISIT OF OFFICIALS FROM PENCH TIGER RESERVE (PTR), MAHARASHTRA TO FISH SEED PRODUCTION CENTRE, NAGPUR.

Dr. Kishor Mankar, Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF) & Field Director and Ms. Pooja Limbgaonkar, Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF), Pench Tiger Reserve (PTR), Maharashtra Forest Department visited Fish Seed Production Centre, COFS, Nagpur on 14th May 2025. The visit was aimed to explore potential collaboration opportunities with the PTR in the area of fish seed production and aquatic biodiversity conservation.



Visit of officials from PTR to the Fish Seed Production Centre

VISIT OF DR. NITIN G. PATIL, DIRECTOR, ICAR – NBSS & LUP, NAGPUR TO COVAS, PARBHANI

Dr. Nitin G. Patil, Director of ICAR's National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning, Nagpur, visited COVAS Parbhani on 30th May, 2025. He discussed the exciting potential of utilizing Natural Resources Data in the field of Animal Science and emphasized the significance of integrating soil and land use data with animal resource management, including areas such as disease epidemiology and sustainable

practices. His insights opened avenues for collaborative research and innovative approaches to enhance animal husbandry through data-driven decision making.



Dr. Nitin G. Patil, Director, ICAR – NBSS & LUP, Nagpur interacting with staff

VISIT OF OFFICIALS FROM FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, TO FISH SEED PRODUCTION CENTRE, NAGPUR.

Mr. Jambhule, Regional Deputy Commissioner of Fisheries, Nagpur Division, Mr. Shubham Komrewar, Assistant Commissioner of Fisheries, Nagpur and Mr. Ankit Vaidya, Fisheries Devolvement Officer visited Fish Seed Production Centre, College of Fishery Science, Nagpur, on 6th June, 2025 to discuss and explore opportunities for a collaborative project on river ranching.



Visit of officers of Fisheries, Department to Fish Seed Production Centre

VISIT OF SHRI. SHIVSAMB LADKE, PROJECT DIRECTOR, ATMA, LATUR TO COFS, UDGIR

Shri. Shivsamb Ladke, Project Director, ATMA, Latur visited College of Fishery Science, Udgir on 27th June 2025. He visited Fisheries Information Cell, Fish Museum, Library and all laboratories and expressed satisfaction for the efforts being made for teaching, research and extension activities.



Shri. Shivsamb Ladke, PD, ATMA, Latur with staff of college



AWARDS / HONOURS

DR. B. P. KAMDIA AWARDED WITH ISACP AWARD FOR BEST PAPER

Dr. B. P. Kamdi, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Veterinary Pathology, COVAS, Akola was awarded with ISACP Award for Best Paper on Applied Subjects in Indian Journal of Canine Practice 2024 and Second Prize in the Oral presentation in National Symposium on 2025 Updates: Canine Common Emergencies and Critical Care during 09th to 11th April 2025 at Madras Veterinary College, Chennai.



Dr. B. P. Kamdi receiving Best Paper award

BEST PHD THESIS AWARD TO DR. MAYURA GOLE AND BEST M.V.SC. THESIS AWARD TO STUDENTS OF MVC, MUMBAI

Dr. Mayura A. Gole, Professor, Department of Poultry Science Mumbai, Veterinary College, Mumbai received 'Best PhD Thesis Award' and MVSc Students

Dr. Korsapati Lokeswari Yoshitha and Dr. Priti V. Mijgar, received 'Best M.V.Sc. Thesis Award' in Veterinary Physiology and Poultry Science respectively by the Indian Veterinary Association on 26th April 2025 at BASU, Patna.



Dr. Priti V. Mijgar receiving Best M.V.Sc. Thesis Award

DR. S. P. AWANDKAR AWARDED WITH RAJIV GANDHI KRISHI RATNA AWARD

Dr. S. P. Awandkar, Professor of Veterinary Microbiology, COVAS, Akola was awarded with prestigious Late Rajiv Gandhi Krishi Ratna Award for the year 2025-26 under Agriculture Scientist category on 26th May 2025 at COVAS, Akola.



Dr. S. P. Awandkar receiving Rajiv Gandhi Krishi Ratna Award

DR. P. V. PATIL, RECEIVED DR. VERGHESE KURIEN AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Dr. P. V. Patil, Farm Manager, COVAS, Udgir received Dr. Verghese Kurien Award of Excellence 2025 for erudite and informative essay in the National level essay writing competition held to celebrate World Milk Day on 1st June 2025.

DR. M. M. VAIDYA AWARDED WITH YOUNG RESEARCHER AWARD AND BEST TEACHER AWARD

Dr. M. M. Vaidya, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Veterinary Physiology, COVAS, Akola was awarded with Young Researcher Award from Novel Research Academy, Pudducherry, India as well as Best Teacher Award from DK International Research Foundation, Perambalur, Tamil Nadu India on 1st June 2025.



INAUGURATION OF MODERN TRAINING HALL AT DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK PRODUCT TECHNOLOGY, COVAS PARBHANI

Modern a state-of-the-art Training Hall was established at the Department of Livestock Product Technology, COVAS Parbhani under MAVIM project by Dr. S. N. Rindhe, Project Coordinator of the MAVIM Project. Dr. Niteen Patil, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of MAFSU, Nagpur inaugurated the training hall in the presence of Dr. A. U. Bhikane, Director of Extension Education, MAFSU, Nagpur, Dr. S. R. Rajurkar, Associate Dean of COVAS, Parbhani and Dr. D. S. Deshmukh, Project Coordinator, MAVIM Project on 10th May 2025.



Inauguration of Training Hall developed under MAVIM project

KONSHILA PROGRAMME OF UG COLLEGE BUILDING OF COVAS, AKOLA

The stone laying programme of new college building of COVAS, Akola was held on 11th June, 2025 at Akola. The virtual inauguration of college building was done at the hands of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra Shri. Devendraji Fadanvis. The Bhumipujan was done at the hands of Dr. Niteen Patil, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MAFSU, Nagpur in august presence of Dr. S. V. Upadhye, DI and Dean, Dr. A. U. Bhikane, Director of Extension Education, MAFSU, Nagpur, Dr. S. V. Ingle, Vice President- VCI, Delhi. The programme was held under the chairmanship of Dr. C. H. Pawshe, Associate Dean and coordinated by Dr. M. G. Thorat, Project Officer, COVAS, Akola.



Dr. Niteen Patil, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and other dignitaries during Bhumipoojan Ceremony

INAUGURATION OF 'ADVANCED DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING MINIMALLY INVASIVE AND AMBULANCE CUM MOBILE VETERINARY CLINIC' AT MVC, MUMBAI

The inaugural function of 'Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Minimally Invasive and ambulance cum Mobile Veterinary Clinic' of the Department of Surgery and Radiology was held on 23rd June 2025 at the auspicious hands of Shri Prasad Lad, MLC Maharashtra, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Niteen Patil, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor MAFSU in the august presence of Chief Guest Hon'ble Shri Anil Diggikar, Additional Secretary PWDs and Guest of Honour Dr. N. Ramaswami, Secretary DADF, Dr. S. V. Upadhye, DI and Dean (Veterinary), Dr. S. D. Ingole, Associate Dean, MVC and Dr. G. S. Khandekar, Professor and Head, VSR.



Inauguration of Animal Ambulance cum Mobile Veterinary Clinic by Dr. N. V. Patil, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor



MEETINGS

MEETING OF MAHARASHTRA GOSEVA AAYOG

A meeting of Maharashtra Goseva Aayog was held on 18th April 2025 at the University Headquarters, chaired by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. N.V. Patil, in the presence of Shri Shekhar Mundada, Chairman, Maharashtra Goseva Ayog. The objective was to explore financial collaboration for strengthening Livestock Farm Complexes at constituent colleges. The meeting was attended by the University officials viz., Dr. N.V. Kurkure, Director of Research, Dr. S.V. Upadhye, DI & Dean (Vet) and Dr. A.U. Bhikane, Director Extension Education.

16TH MEETING OF EXTENSION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION COUNCIL MEETING OF MAFSU

The 16th Meeting of Extension and Continuing Education Council of MAFSU was held on 6th May 2025 at Nagpur under the chairmanship of Dr. Niteen Patil, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, MAFSU, Nagpur. Dr. A. U. Bhikane, Director, Extension Education, MAFSU, Nagpur and Member Secretary of the Council presented the overview of extension activities of the University and various extension projects.



Dr. A. U. Bhikane, Director Extension Education, MAFSU presenting the extension activities.

Review of Extension activities carried out during last year was presented by the Associate Deans of the constituent colleges and the planning for the next year was discussed leading to action points for the next year. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor felicitated Dr. A. U. Bhikane, Director of Extension Education, MAFSU, Nagpur, Dr. A. P. Somkuwar, Associate Dean, NVC, Nagpur and Dr. Nandkumar Gaikwad, Associate Dean, COVAS, Udgir who will superannuate on 30th June 2025.



Release of leaflets by Hon'ble members of Extension Council of MAFSU

REVIEW MEETING OF DBT-FUNDED ONE HEALTH CONSORTIUM PROJECT

The review meeting of the project titled "Establishment of a Consortium for One Health to address Zoonotic and Transboundary Diseases in India, including the Northeast Region", funded by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India, was held on 07th May 2025 at MAFSU, Nagpur. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Niteen Patil, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, MAFSU.

23RD JOINT ANIMAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL MEET AT UNIVERSITY HQ

The 23rd Joint Animal Science Research Council (JASRC) Meeting for the year 2024-25 was held in two phases - from 13th to 17th May 2025 and on 9th and 10th June 2025 - at the University Headquarters, Nagpur, under the Chairmanship of Dr. N.V. Patil, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, MAFSU, Nagpur. During the meeting, detailed deliberations were carried out on completed, ongoing, and proposed research projects submitted by academic officers from the constituent colleges. The discussions focused on evaluating research outcomes, identifying areas for future investigation, and strengthening the University's research activities.



University officials during Joint ASRC meeting at MAFSU H.Q.

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor felicitated Dr. A. U. Bhikane, Director of Extension Education and Dr. A. P. Somkuwar, Associate Dean, Nagpur Veterinary College who will superannuate on 30th June 2025.



Felicitation of Dr. A.U. Bhikane, Director of Extension Education during 23rd JASRC meeting

MEETING OF THE CENTRAL TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AT MAFSU

The 2nd meeting of the Central Technology Management Committee was held on 9th June 2025 at the University Headquarters, Nagpur, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Niteen V. Patil, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, MAFSU, Nagpur. During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on 13 research innovations developed by the academic officers of the constituent colleges. The focus was on evaluating the commercial potential, intellectual property rights (IPR) aspects, and strategies for technology transfer and wider dissemination.



Meeting of the Central Technology Management Committee



MOU'S

MOU BETWEEN MAFSU AND VVKI-BENGALURU

An MOU was signed between MAFSU and VVKI-Bengaluru on project, 'Fodder Groves for Climate Change' to be implemented at COVAS, Udgir on 13th May 2025 in presence of Dr. Niteen Patil, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. Shirish Upadhye, DI and Dean (Vet), Dr. Nitin Kurkure, Director of Research, Dr. Anil Bhikane Director of Extension Education, Shri. Mahadev

Gomare, Director of VVKI, Smt. Mona Thakur, Registrar, MAFSU and Associate Dean Dr. Nandkumar Gaikwad.



Signing of MoU between MAFSU and VVKI-Bengaluru on project, "Fodder Groves for Climate Change"

MOU BETWEEN MAFSU AND CARDION CORRECT INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

An MOU was signed between MAFSU, Nagpur and Cardion Correct International Foundation on 6th May 2025 in presence of Dr. Niteen Patil, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. Shirish Upadhye, DI and Dean (Vet), Dr. Nitin Kurkure, Director of Research, Dr. Anil Bhikane, Director of Extension Education, MAFSU, Nagpur and Mr. Ravindra Amritkar, CEO, Cardion Correct International Foundation. Cardion Correct will be provided with technical guidance through the University for increasing milk production in Nashik, Nandurbar, Dhule, Jalgaon districts of North Maharashtra.



Signing of MoU between MAFSU and Cardion Correct International Foundation

MAFSU'S AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

To celebrate the silver Jubilee year of the university special Awareness Campaigns were planned with the initiative of Directorate of Extension Education, MAFSU, Nagpur.

Milk Awareness Campaign

To celebrate the silver Jubilee year of the university a special 'Milk Awareness Campaign' is planned with the initiative of Directorate of Extension Education, MAFSU, Nagpur.

Milk Awareness programs were organized in different schools with the tagline 'दुध प्या दिर्घायुषी व्हा' by the faculties of all constituent colleges of MAFSU, Nagpur. A total 04 activities were organized during April - June 2025, World Milk Day celebrated at College of Dairy Technology, Warud (Pusad) in training programme organized for 40 Tribal unemployed youths in coordination with Maharashtra Centre for Entrepreneurship Development, Yavatmal by demonstrating Ice-cream processing and distributing flavoured milk. On occasion of foundation Day of College of Dairy Technology, Udgir Dist Latur, organized a milk awareness programme by delivering lectures on the importance of the milk and milk products in daily diet, demonstration on the processing of various dairy products, Street play, Clean milk production etc. for Ghonsi villagers. Dr. Raziuddin Mohd, Associate Professor, LPT, COVAS, Udgir, shared valuable insights on the importance of milk in children's health—highlighting both nutrition and awareness at Yashwant Mahavidyalaya, Wadhona on 15th July 2025. Dr. M. V. Jngawale, Professor, COVAS, Akola highlighted the importance of milk consumption at adopted villages Morgoan Bhakre

Nodal officers, academic officers and students were actively involved for the successful organization of the MAFSU milk awareness campaign.



Distribution of milk to students by CDT, Udgir



Distribution of ice-cream at CDT, Warud



Milk Awareness Campaign at MVC, Mumbai

Fish Awareness Campaign

The Colleges of Fishery Science in Nagpur and Udgir, under the Maharashtra Animal and Fishery Sciences University (MAFSU), conducted an extensive Fish Awareness Campaign from April to June 2025. The comprehensive initiative featured eight distinct programs across multiple locations, directly engaging 221 beneficiaries. Activities included specialized Farmers Training, water quality analysis in Satnaveri, and a Fish Seed Ranching program at Vena Reservoir. Educational outreach efforts impacted students and staff at several institutions, including Zilla Parishad High School in Peth Kaldongri (37), Sindhu Mahavidyalaya in Nagpur (20), and Shivaji Mahavidyalaya in Udgir (20). The Udgir campus notably expanded the campaign's reach with a large-scale Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan in Haibatpur village, educating 48 farmers, and delivered an expert lecture on "Business Opportunities in Fisheries Sector" at the Post-graduate Institute of Agri Business Management in Chakur, engaging 43 students and staff. The multi-faceted campaign effectively combined hands-on training, scientific water testing, and institutional education with strategic digital promotion, collectively advancing sustainable fisheries practices while highlighting the sector's significant economic potential and nutritional benefits.

Nodal officers played a pivotal role in ensuring the successful execution of the MAFSU Fish Awareness Campaign across regions.



Visit of students to fish farm at COFS, Nagpur



Visit of students to hatchery unit at COFS, Nagpur



Expert delivering lecture on Business opportunity in Fisheries Sector at Chakur

Egg Awareness Campaign

An yearlong Egg awareness campaign was started from 11th October 2024 i.e. on World Egg Day. The faculties of all constituent colleges and Krishi Vigyan Kendra's (KVKs) under MAFSU, Nagpur actively conducted a series of egg awareness programs across different schools, with the tagline 'रोज खाऊ अंडी मस्त, शरीराला ठेवू तंदुरुस्त'. The Maharashtra Animal and Fishery Sciences University (MAFSU) organized extensive egg awareness campaigns across its constituent institutes during April–June 2025 to promote the nutritional and economic importance of eggs. At Nagpur Veterinary College, programs were conducted during the Kulguru Chashak Cricket match and training sessions, benefitting over 75 participants. The Department of Poultry Science, COVAS Parbhani, organized multiple campaigns during student gatherings and ASCAD trainings, involving more than 200 participants. COVAS Udgir reached 175 farmers across four villages through lectures and interactive sessions. Mumbai Veterinary College held awareness programs for ASCAD trainees and Livestock Development Officers, while Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Thane, targeted Anganwadi sevikas and ASHA workers through village-level events. Notably, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Dudhardi, Nagpur, achieved wide outreach by sensitizing 19,264 farmers in 90 villages across seven talukas.

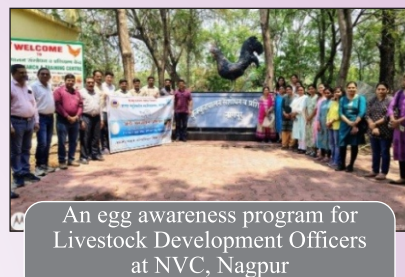
Nodal officers played a pivotal role in ensuring the successful execution of the MAFSU Egg Awareness Campaign across regions.



Egg awareness campaign during annual social gathering at COVAS Parbhani



Egg awareness campaign in collaboration with the ASCAD training program at MVC, Mumbai



An egg awareness program for Livestock Development Officers at NVC, Nagpur

Rabies Awareness Campaign

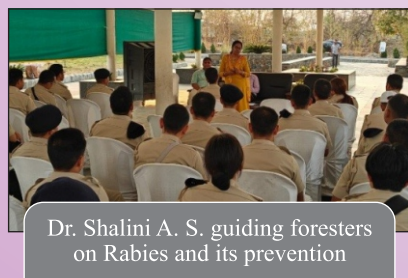
The campaign is aimed at creating awareness among farmers and communities regarding vaccination, preventive measures, and responsible animal management for rabies control.

WRTC, Gorewada organized Rabies Awareness Campaigns at BTGIZP on 15th April, 2025 aimed at educating frontline 52 foresters about the risks and prevention of rabies. As part of the Summer Camp 2025 activities, BTGIZP organized Rabies Awareness Campaigns to educate students about the dangers and prevention of rabies. The first session was held on 25th April, 2025, with the participation of 15 students, followed by a second session on 11th May, 2025, which included 20 students. On 30th June 2025, sixteen animal keepers working at the Gorewada Rescue Centre, Nagpur were sensitized about rabies.

The Radio talk was delivered by Dr. Ashok Bhosale, Expert on Rabies from the College of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Udgir who highlighted the importance of rabies prevention in livestock and sensitization of farmers to achieve the target of Zero Deaths due to Rabies.

On 15th July 2025, Rabies Awareness Programme was organized at Yashwant Mahavidyalaya, Wadhona, with the participation of 800 students and 10 dedicated staff members from Std. 1st to 12th. The session focused on the importance of Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) following dog bites—a life-saving message every child should know.

Nodal officers played a pivotal role in ensuring the successful execution of the MAFSU Rabies Awareness Campaign across regions.



Dr. Shalini A. S. guiding foresters on Rabies and its prevention



Dr. Bhosale during TV talk on Rabies



Dr. Shweta Lende, SMS, KVK, Nagpur guiding people on Rabies Awareness Campaign

Media Coverage of VKSA Activities Coordinated by MAFSU Across Maharashtra



विकसित कृषि संकल्प अभियान

Demonstration of Drone for Agriculture broadcasted on Doordarshan

Drone demonstration for agriculture broadcasted on Doordarshan. The image shows a group of people gathered around a drone, with a banner in the background that reads 'विकसित कृषि संकल्प अभियान'.

पुण्य नगरी

वडवली येथे विकसित कृषी संकल्प अभियान

वडवली येथे विकसित कृषी संकल्प अभियान. The image shows a group of people gathered around a drone, with a banner in the background that reads 'विकसित कृषि संकल्प अभियान'.

ठाणे वार्ता

विकसित कृषी संकल्प अभियानाचे उद्घाटन

विकसित कृषी संकल्प अभियानाचे उद्घाटन. The image shows a group of people gathered around a drone, with a banner in the background that reads 'विकसित कृषि संकल्प अभियान'.

लोकमत

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