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KVASU Hosts Training to Combat Antimicrobial Resistance in Kerala

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Veterinary surgeons from Kerala's Animal Husbandry department have completed a specialized training program at KVASU focused on responsible antibiotic use and the One Health approach to animal healthcare.



Veterinary surgeons from the Kerala Animal Husbandry Department have completed an intensive two-day training program at the Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (KVASU) in

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Pookode, Wayanad. The initiative was designed to bolster antimicrobial stewardship and refine the role of local veterinarians in managing the growing threat of antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

The workshop was facilitated by the Centre for One Health Education, Advocacy, Research and Training (COHEART) at KVASU. It operates under a broader regional project supported by the Asian



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framework—a collaborative strategy that acknowledges the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health.

Focusing on Evidence-Based Veterinary Care

The curriculum provided field veterinarians with updated strategies for evidence-based antimicrobial use, emphasizing the

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importance of disease prevention and vaccination over the routine reliance on antibiotics. Participants engaged in sessions covering farm biosecurity, hygiene standards, animal welfare, and the implementation of gender-responsive veterinary services. By focusing on these areas, the program seeks to equip professionals with practical tools to reduce the misuse of medication in livestock management.

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Technical leadership for the project in Kerala is provided by COHEART, with the initiative being implemented by Sathguru Management Consultants in partnership with Zenex Animal Health. This effort is part of a larger South Asian capacity-building mission that extends across Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and four Indian states: Kerala, Gujarat, Punjab, and Telangana.



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The scale of this regional project is significant, with over 60 capacity-building programs conducted to date across the seven implementation regions. These sessions have reached more than 500 veterinarians and 2,000 livestock farmers, highlighting a concerted effort to standardize responsible animal healthcare practices across borders.

Prejit, the officer-in-charge at COHEART, serves as the technical lead for the project in Kerala. The training concluded with a valedictory address by KVASU Vice-Chancellor K.S. Anil, who presented certificates to the participating veterinary surgeons,

marking their completion of the specialized curriculum.



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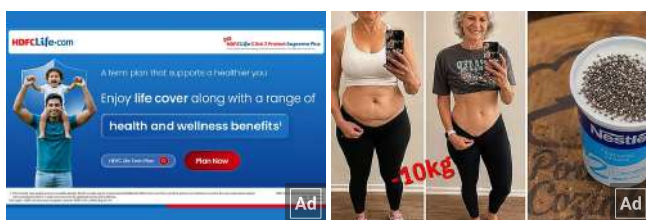
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