

World Rabies Day 2017– Combating Rabies: A joint initiative of Livestock and Education sector.

The livestock sector, Trongsa in collaboration with the Education sector observed the World Rabies Day on 28th September, 2017 in carrying forward the message of the theme **“Rabies : Zero by 30”** to the larger audience and stakeholders. The event was held at Langthil Lower Secondary School which was graced by the Hon’ble Dasho Dzongdag as the Guest of Honour and attended by esteemed guests including the sector heads, dignitaries and officials from different agencies.

The day opened with the traditional offering of marchang to the Chief Guest followed by a host



of talks on rabies and engaging cultural programmes. The Hon’ble Chief Guest shared some words of wisdom in tackling the menace of the disease and the importance of



making our society free of rabies. Dr. Gembo, representing the Regional Livestock Development Centre presented on the current scenario and the effect on society through strategic interventions. A documentary on rabies and the effect on society through measures to curb down the disease was also public to raise greater awareness. The students performed a short skit which carried similar message and a quiz competition held among different group of students to unveil their knowledge on the disease. A free pet clinic was also organized to vaccinate the animals against rabies. The winners of the competitions were awarded cash prizes and certificates. Close to 500 participants took part in the programme.



As the first and only global day of action and awareness to work against rabies, the world Rabies Day is also seen as an opportunity where communities, NGOs and governments unite and connect to share their work towards eliminating the disease. With the implementation of the programme, the sector hopes to reap even better results in the future in combating the battle of national menace successfully.

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