

EVENT REPORT

Title of the Event : Paws for Health: Somaiya Dog Vaccination Drive		
Committee/ Department Name: Center for Achieving Sustainability Climate Action, Development and Engagement (CASCADE), Somaiya Institute for Research & Consultancy (SIRAC), Union For Animals (UFA), Supported by Somaiya Vidyavihar University Campus Administration.	Date of Report (DD/MM/YYYY)	13/10/2025
Date of Event : 12/10/2025 (DD/MM/YYYY)	Venue of event: Somaiya Vidyavihar University Campus	Time of event : 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Type of the Event	Vaccination Drive / Animal Welfare Initiative	
Level of Organization	Local	
Collaborators if any	Junior Research Fellows (JRFs), SVU Campus Administration, Suyash Pet's Clinic & Surgical Centre	
Mode (Online / Offline)	Offline	
Name of the Resource Person/ Guest	Dr. Gaurav Khandekar along with his team of qualified Veterinary Professionals	
Brief profile of the resource person	Dr. Gaurav Khandekar is an alumnus of Mumbai Veterinary College with a specialization in Clinical Medicine. He is a practicing veterinarian at Suyash Pet Clinic, where he is actively involved in the diagnosis, treatment, and management of animals. Known for his compassionate approach and clinical expertise, Dr. Khandekar is supported by a well-trained and experienced veterinary staff, ensuring high standards of animal care, safety, and humane treatment during medical procedures and community welfare initiatives.	
Objective of the Event	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To promote animal health and welfare through timely rabies vaccination of stray and resident dogs and cats on campus. 2. To contribute to public health and campus hygiene by preventing the spread of rabies. 	

	<p>3. To foster compassion, responsibility, and awareness among students towards community animals.</p> <p>4. To support sustainable coexistence between humans and animals within the campus ecosystem.</p>
Report (Not more than 500 words)	<p>The event titled “Paws for Health: Somaiya Dog Vaccination Drive” was successfully organized on 12th October 2025 at the SVU Campus as part of the Somaiya Sustainability Dialogue. The initiative was led by the student-led animal welfare group, Union For Animals, in collaboration with Junior Research Fellows and with the support of the SVU Campus Administration.</p> <p>The primary aim of the vaccination drive was to ensure the health and safety of stray and resident dogs and cats on campus by providing timely rabies vaccinations. The presence of qualified veterinary professionals ensured that all procedures were carried out in a safe, humane, and organized manner. Animals were handled with care, minimizing stress while ensuring effective immunization.</p> <p>The drive witnessed active participation from student volunteers, who assisted in managing the animals, coordinating logistics, and maintaining records. The event also served as an awareness initiative, sensitizing the campus community about the importance of animal vaccination in preventing zoonotic diseases and promoting a safer environment for both humans and animals.</p> <p>Through this initiative, the campus reaffirmed its commitment to sustainability, compassion, and responsible coexistence with community animals. The vaccination drive not only addressed immediate animal health needs but also contributed to long-term public health and campus well-being.</p>
Number of beneficiaries	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> Students UG: 2 PhD Scholar/ JRF: 4 Nonteaching: 0 Community Animals Vaccinated: Multiple resident dogs and cats on campus </div> <div> Students PG: 2 Teaching: 0 </div> </div>

Expected Outcome

1. Improved health and immunity of community animals through rabies vaccination.
2. Enhanced awareness among students about animal welfare and public health responsibilities.
3. Contribution towards a safer and healthier campus ecosystem.

📷 Photos (Attach at least three geotagged photos)

- Resource Person engaging the session
- Snapshot of the ongoing session
- Group photo or closing session

(For multiple days/sessions – attach photos day-wise/session-wise)

