

# MARCH 2026 DAS MONTHLY REPORT

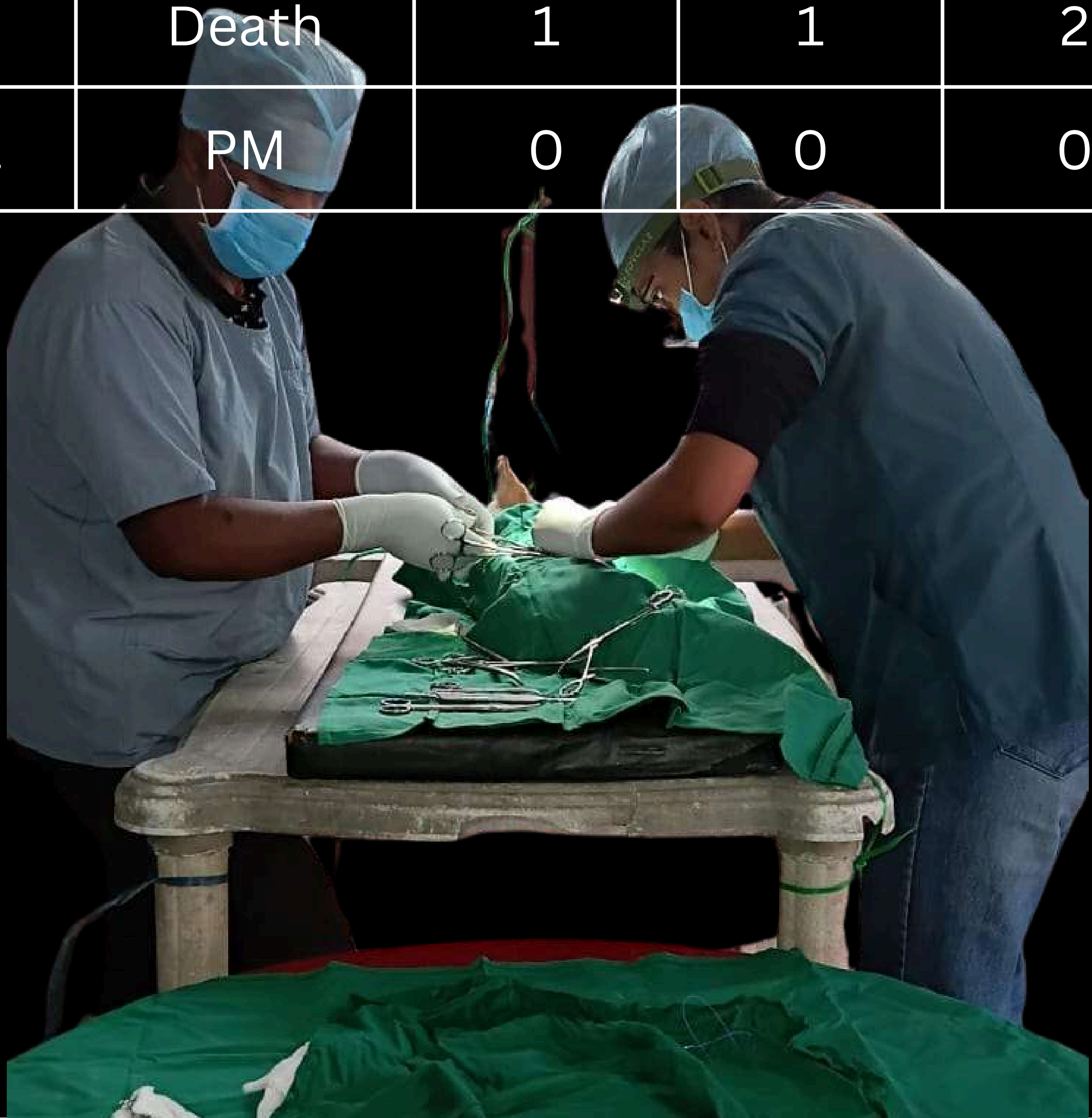


# HIGHLIGHTS

- **ABC SURGERIES:- 104**
- **CLINICAL CASES :- 478**
- **ARV :- 1340**
- **PEOPLE EDUCATED :- 1377**
- **ABC-ARV OUTREACH CAMPS CONDUCTED :- 2**
- **RABIES HELPLINE CALLS ATTENDED :- 28**
- **IBCM CASES INVESTIGATED :- 2**
- **LFA TEST :- 6**
- **LFA TEST POSITIVE :- 1**
- **DFA TEST AT ARDL :- 16**
- **RABIES POSITIVE CASES: 2**

# ABC SURGERIES

Sl.no.		Dog	Cat	Total
1.	Total ABC	91	13	104
2.	Spay	70	10	80
3.	Castration	21	3	24
4.	Cryptochid	0	0	0
5.	Death	1	1	2
6.	PM	0	0	0



# OUTREACH CAMPS AND FIELD ADAPTABILITY- TUKVAR

During the reporting period, two outreach sterilization camps were successfully conducted in Tukvar and Singla, contributing to humane dog population management efforts. However, during the Tukvar camp, significant field challenges were encountered, including lack of electricity and inadequate indoor facilities.



In response, the team effectively adapted by utilizing the revamped ABC ambulance to carry out operations. This proved to be a powerful example of its value—as a fully functional clinic on wheels, it enabled uninterrupted service delivery even in resource-limited settings.

# OUTREACH CAMPS AND FIELD ADAPTABILITY- TUKVAR



**The experience clearly highlights how the investment in upgrading and furnishing the ambulance has been worthwhile, significantly enhancing field efficiency, flexibility, and the ability to operate in challenging environments.**

# OUTREACH CAMPS AND FIELD ADAPTABILITY- SINGLA



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# IN HOUSE ABC SURGERIES AT DAS



# MONTHLY DAS ACTIVITIES

		<b>CANINE</b>	<b>FELINE</b>	<b>OTHERS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Clinical Cases		353	120	4(pigs)	<b>478</b>
Special Surgeries		4	1	0	<b>5</b>
Vaccinations	Tri-cat	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	Megavac-7	19	0	0	<b>19</b>
Rescue		10	1	0	<b>11</b>
Return After Treatment		11	1	0	<b>12</b>
Adoptions		1	0	0	<b>0</b>
Deaths		3	2	0	<b>5</b>
PTS		1	0	0	<b>1</b>

# FROM IMPACT TO RECOVERY: A SURVIVOR OF RECKLESS DRIVING

A stray dog from Sonada was rescued following a road traffic accident caused by reckless driving, leaving it with a severe crush injury to the tail and a deep back wound. Immediate treatment was provided, and due to irreversible damage, the tail had to be surgically amputated. The back wound was managed through regular dressings and medication.



# FROM IMPACT TO RECOVERY: A SURVIVOR OF RECKLESS DRIVING

With consistent care and monitoring, the dog made a steady recovery and is now stable and active. After full recovery, it was safely released back to its familiar surroundings. This case is a stark reminder that reckless driving doesn't only endanger human lives—it also harms innocent animals who have no voice but share our roads.



# GARBAGE TO GRACE- RESCUE CAT STORY

Found in a pile of garbage, this little kitten couldn't move one of her legs—silent, scared, and in pain. Our rescue team reached her just in time. After evaluation, it was clear the damaged leg couldn't be saved, and amputation was the only way to give her a pain-free life.



# GARBAGE TO GRACE- RESCUE CAT STORY

With surgery, care, and lots of love, she began to heal—slowly coming out of her shell.

Today, she's an adorable, clingy little soul, full of warmth and trust, recovering at the shelter and waiting for her furrever home with a heart on her back.

Sometimes, all it takes is one chance—and a little love—to change everything.



# LEARNING THROUGH CARE: A PARA-VET'S JOURNEY AT DAS

When a newly appointed para-vet for KAS began training at DAS, it marked the start of a hands-on learning experience grounded in both skill and compassion.

From the basics of kennel cleaning and management to understanding feeding schedules and proper nutrition, he quickly learned how routine care plays a critical role in animal health. As training progressed, he was introduced to essential clinical skills—practicing IV cannula placement on a simple yet effective dummy model made using a bottle as a limb, IV line as a vein, betadine to simulate blood, and gauze as skin. This allowed him to build confidence before working with live animals.



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Using the WVS training kit, he also learned different routes of administering injections, including intramuscular and subcutaneous techniques, gaining both theoretical knowledge and practical exposure.

His training extended into safe animal handling, catching and rescue techniques, and understanding the process of release. He assisted in ABC (Animal Birth Control) preparation, while also learning the importance of maintaining rescue sheets and accurate data entry in proper sequence.



# LEARNING THROUGH CARE: A PARA-VET'S JOURNEY AT DAS

While he has already gained valuable practical exposure, there is still much more to learn. With continued training and guidance, we hope to equip him with the confidence and skills needed so that, upon returning to KAS, he can effectively contribute and help ease the existing workload.



# ANTI-RABIES VACCINATION

Sl.no.		Quantity
1.	Clinic	107
2.	ABC-ARV Camps	48
3.	RRT-ARV	1185
Total		1340



# **EDUCATION / COMMUNITY AWARENESS STORY**

## **- FROM AWARENESS TO ACTION IN BINDU**

On 26th February 2026, a combined vaccination and awareness programme in the Bindu region reached 278 community members and students, alongside vaccinating 105 dogs. The session not only educated participants on rabies prevention and dog bite management but also actively engaged the community in understanding responsible pet care. This integrated approach of vaccination with on-ground education significantly strengthened both awareness and participation, creating a more informed and prepared community.



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# EDUCATION / COMMUNITY AWARENESS STORY - ROSEBERRY SCHOOL

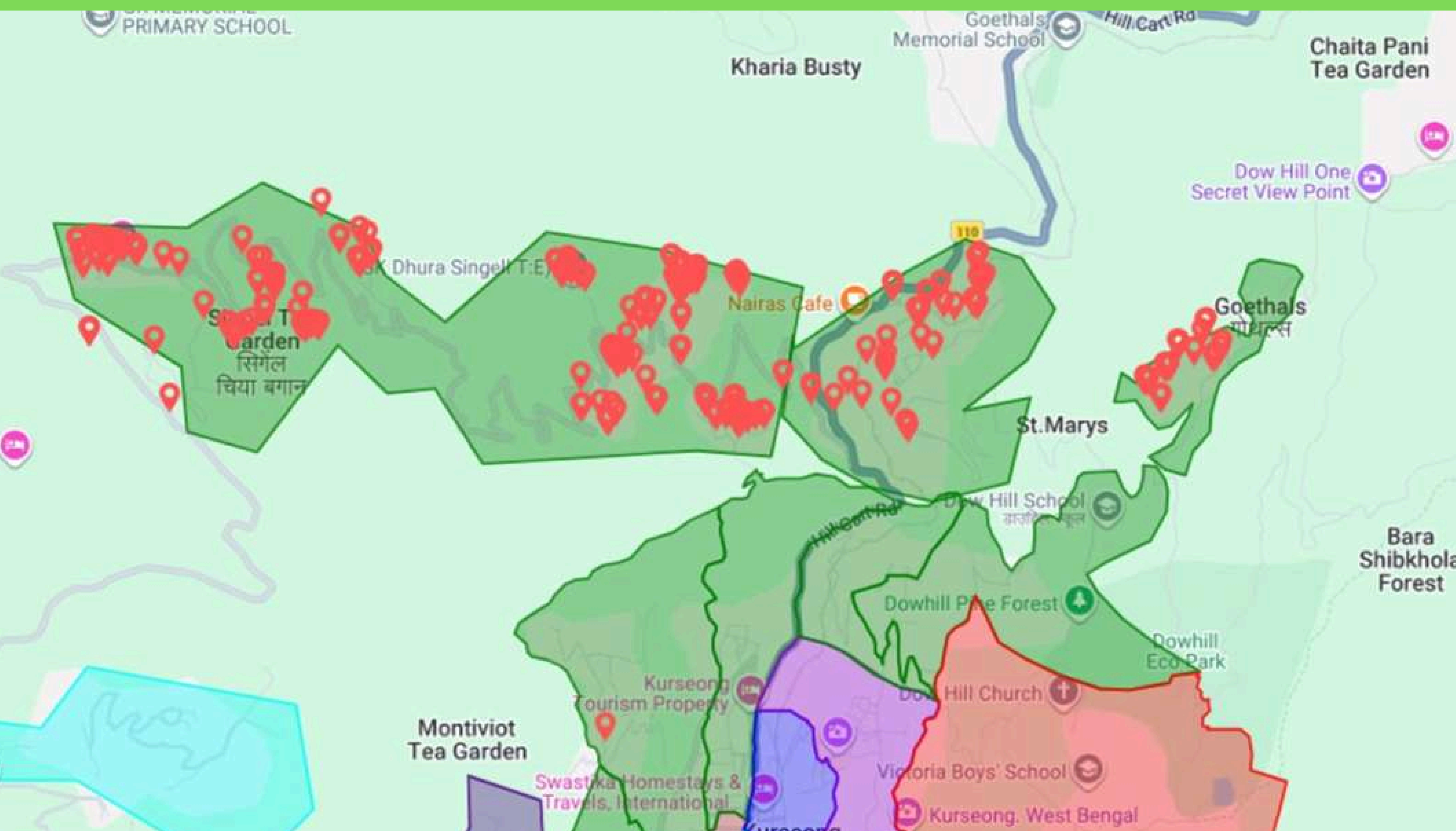


# VACCINATION STORY - REACHING THE UNREACHABLE IN KURSEONG

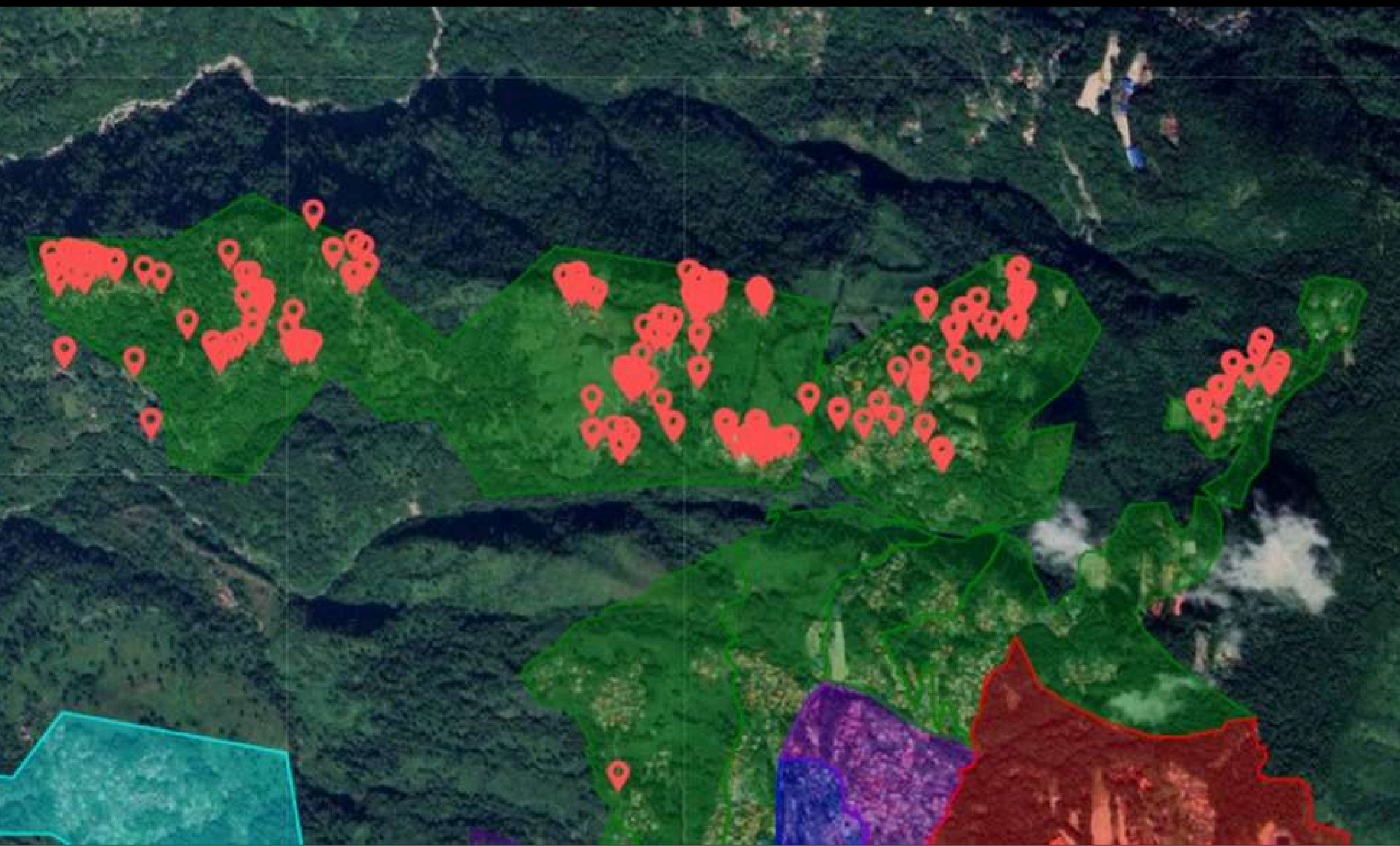
The mass anti-rabies vaccination drive in Kurseong successfully covered 715 dogs across municipal wards and began with 279 dogs in tea garden and Khasmahal areas, strategically building a buffer before entering urban zones. Despite steep terrain, narrow access routes, and weather disruptions, teams ensured systematic ward-wise coverage. This phased and adaptive approach enabled expansion from remote peri-urban regions into dense urban clusters, significantly strengthening herd immunity and moving closer to the goal of a Rabies-Free Pahad.



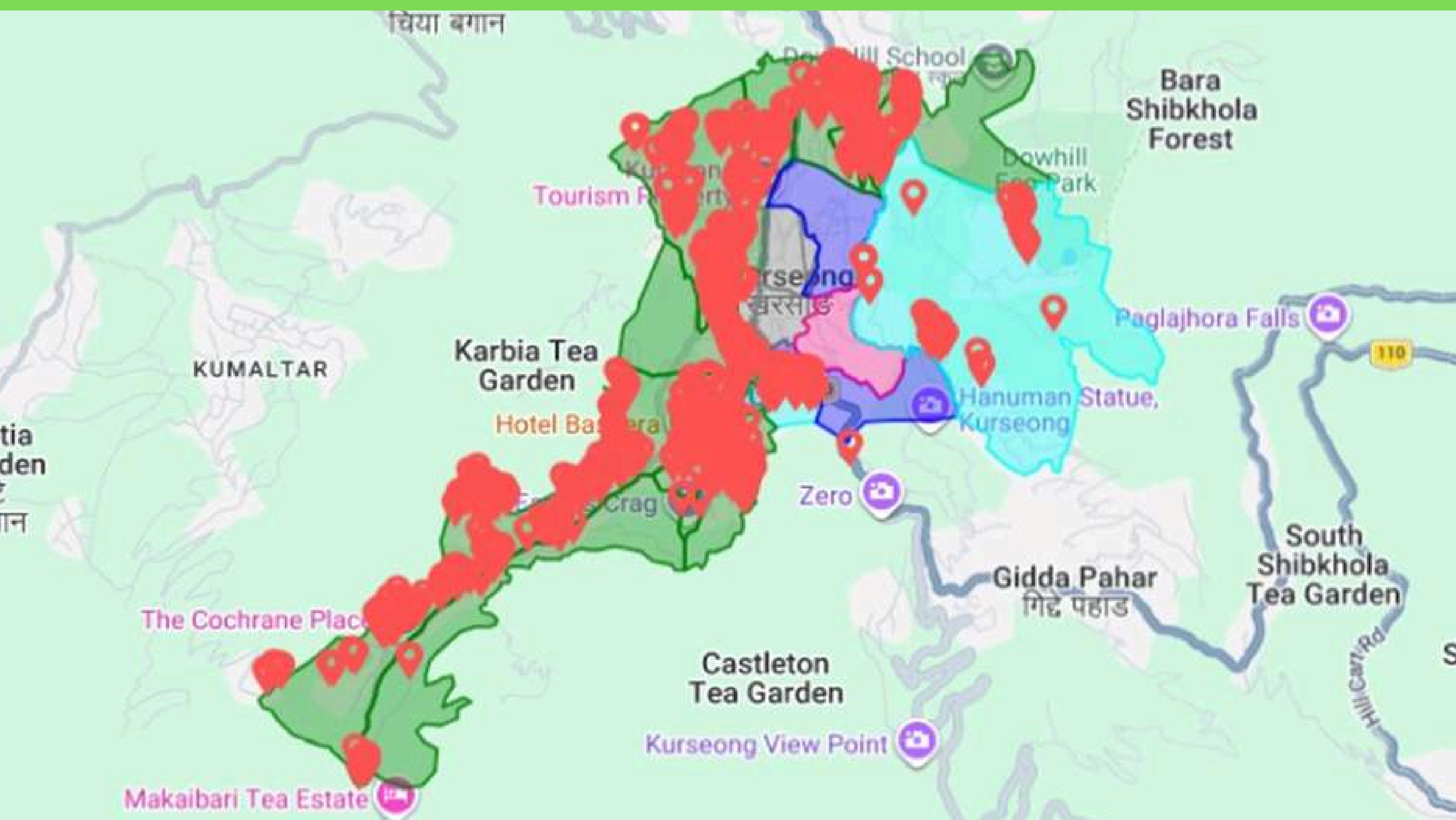
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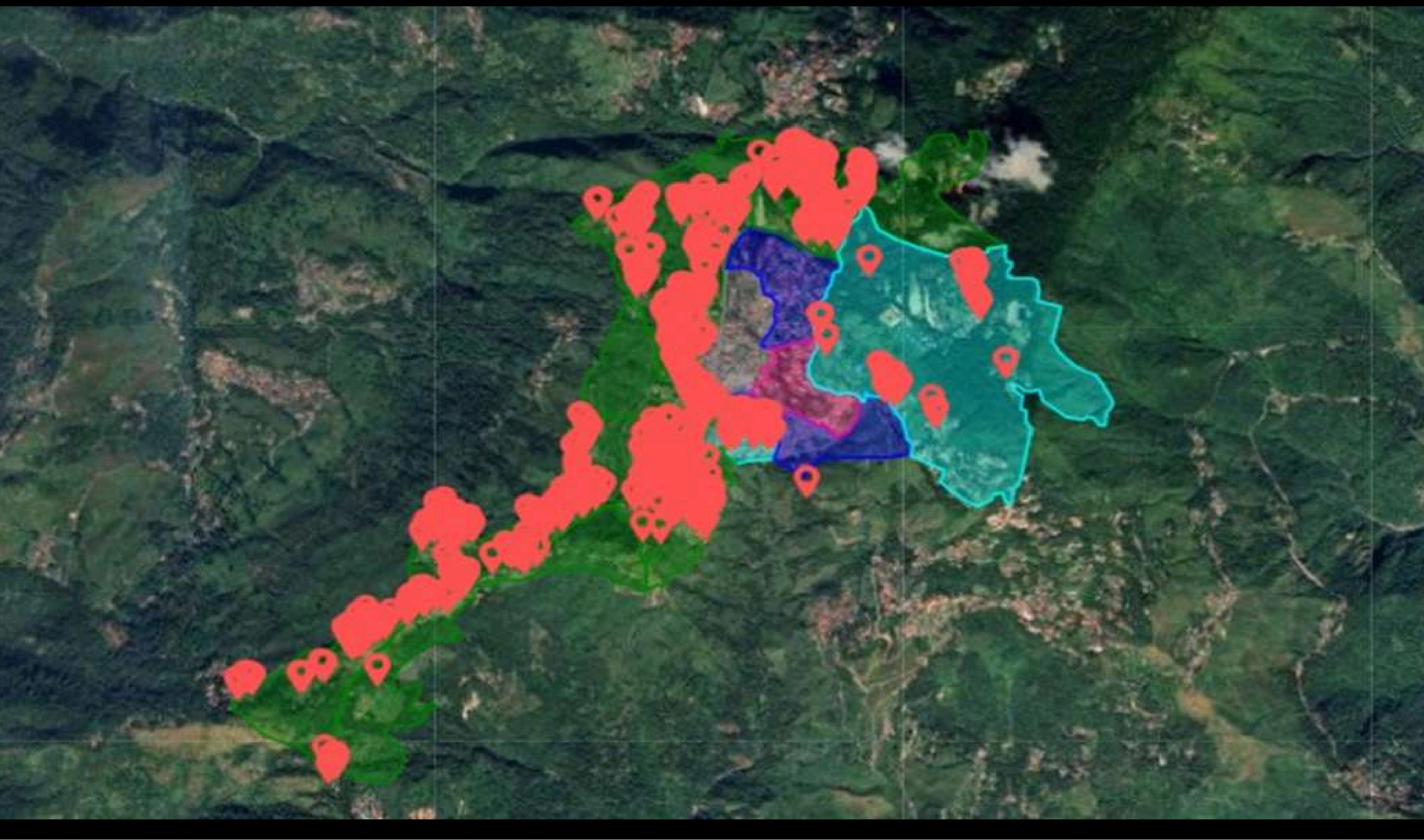
Spatial and Satellite Representation of the dogs vaccinated in Tea Gardens and Khasmahal areas



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Spatial and Satellite Representation of the dogs vaccinated in the Kurseong Municipality Wards



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ASHA workers were mobilized through municipality for ward-level awareness and postering.



# STRENGTHENING FIELD CAPACITY IN RABIES DIAGNOSTICS

Biraj Chettri, Rabies Surveillance Officer (RSO), participated in a specialized capacity-building workshop focused on brain sample collection and rabies diagnostic testing. Conducted under expert supervision, the training provided hands-on experience in safe sample extraction, handling, and testing using LFA and DFA techniques. Emphasis was placed on biosafety protocols, accurate diagnosis, and proper reporting procedures. This initiative significantly enhanced field-level diagnostic capabilities, enabling faster decision-making, strengthening surveillance systems, and contributing to more effective rabies control efforts.



# BUILDING MOMENTUM: KURSEONG PRESS CONFERENCE FOR RABIES AWARENESS

On 5th March 2026, a stakeholder press conference was successfully conducted in Kurseong as part of the mass anti-rabies vaccination initiative, bringing together key representatives from government bodies, animal welfare groups, and the project team. The event was attended by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Kurseong Municipality, along with Dr. Ankur (ARD Veterinary Officer), Mr. Nishant (Kurseong K9), and Mr. Choephell (Animal Lover).



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Representing the implementation team, Dr. Shivani Pradhan (Mission Rabies Project In-Charge, Darjeeling Goodwill Animal Shelter), Ashwin Thapa (Project Manager), and Pritesh Pradhan (Rabies Surveillance Officer) shared insights into the vaccination campaign and rabies prevention strategies. The press conference served as a vital platform to raise public awareness, encourage responsible community participation, and strengthen multi-stakeholder collaboration, contributing to the successful rollout of the programme in Kurseong.



A mass rabies-proof vaccination campaign has been formally launched targeting helpless dogs in all wards and village panchayats under Kurseong Municipality. See more [कुकुरका लागि सामूहिक रबीज-निरोधक खाप अभियान शुरु।](#)

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# TRANSBOUNDARY CHALLENGES OF ANIMAL RABIES CONTROL: INDO-BHUTAN PERSPECTIVES

Participating in Transforming Asia: Sustainable Innovation in Agriculture, Food, Environment, Climate and Development – 1.0 at the College of Natural Resources, Punakha, was an enriching experience that highlighted the importance of a One Health approach in tackling transboundary challenges like animal rabies. The Indo–Bhutan perspective emphasized the need for strong cross-border collaboration, integrating surveillance, vaccination, public awareness, and coordinated response systems.

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## Transboundary Challenges of Animal Rabies Control:

### *Indo – Bhutan Perspectives*

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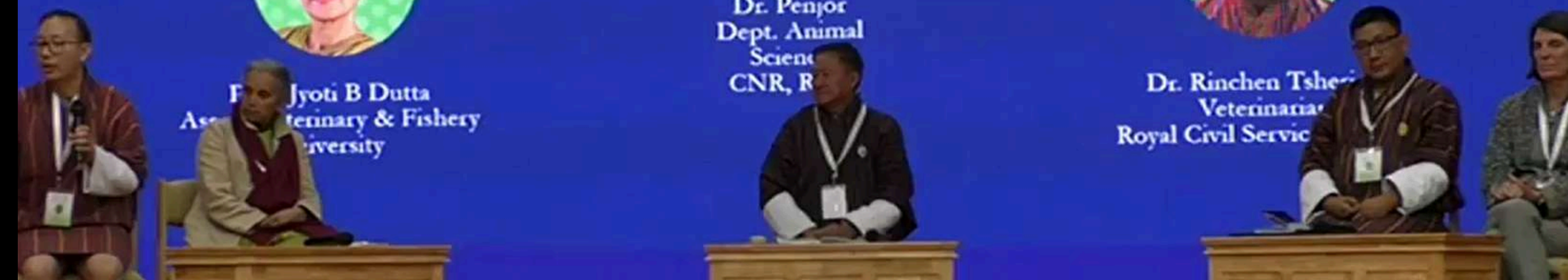
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# TRANSBOUNDARY CHALLENGES OF ANIMAL RABIES CONTROL: INDO-BHUTAN PERSPECTIVES

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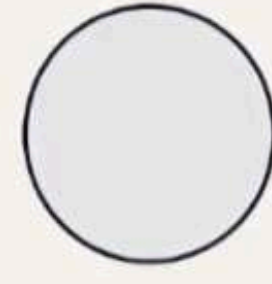
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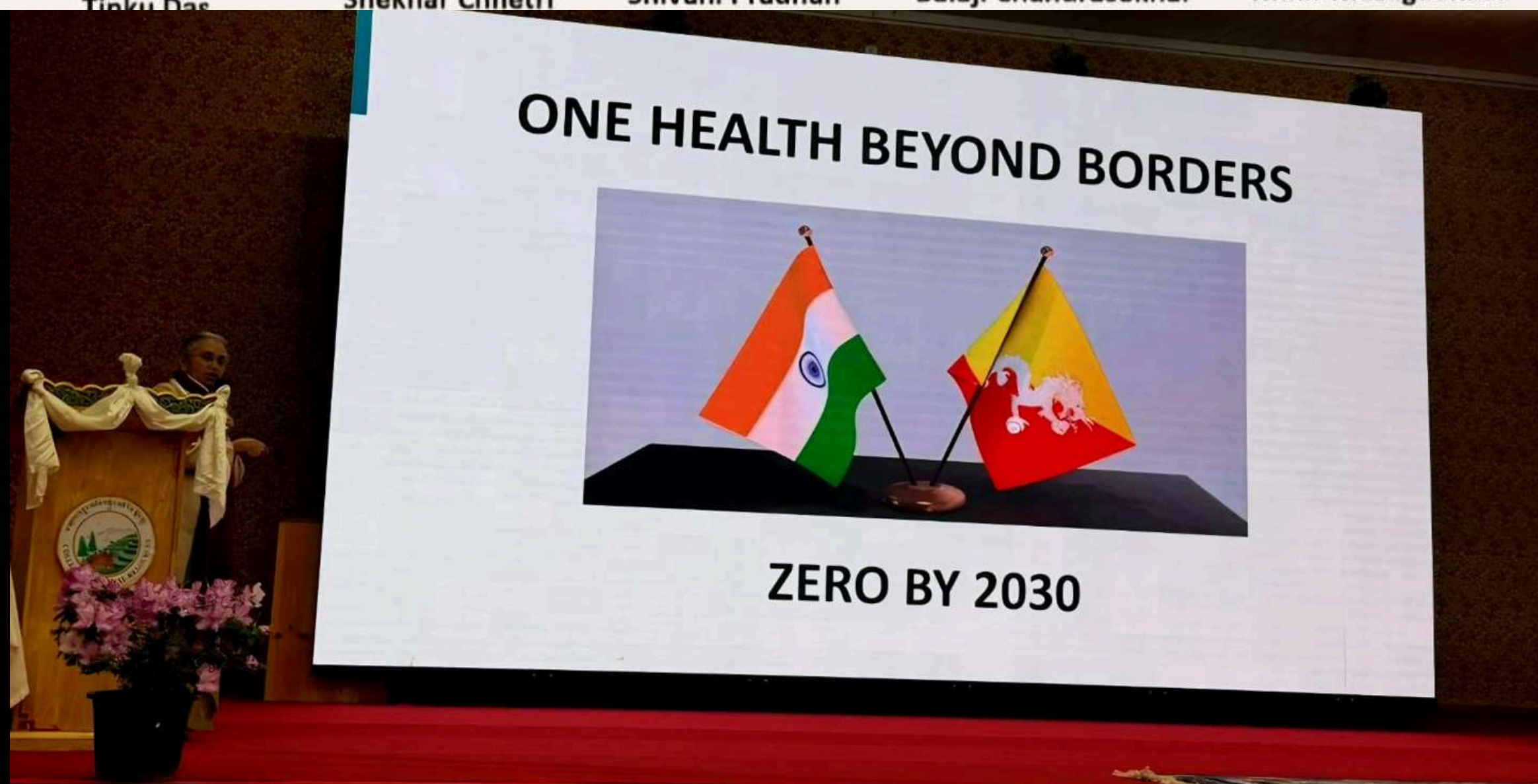
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# RUNNING FOR COMPASSION:

## DARJEELING HOSTS NORTH INDIA'S FIRST PAWRATHON

Darjeeling witnessed a landmark event, Pawrathon on 22nd March 2026, it marked the first-of-its-kind initiative in North India, witnessing an overwhelming participation of over 700 runners across the 10 km and 4 km categories, along with more than 25 dogs and cats joining the 4 km walkathon.

The Pawrathon aimed to create awareness about animal welfare while also recognizing and felicitating local animal activists, feeders, and community members who tirelessly care for stray animals, report abuse, and stand firmly against cruelty within their communities.



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The event was organized by Woofers Animal Welfare Organization and Unnati Foundation, with Darjeeling Goodwill Animal Shelter (DGAS) as collaborators. It has been announced that Pawrathon will now be conducted annually to further strengthen this growing movement.



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The key highlight of the event was the extensive community participation, reflecting a strong culture of compassion in the hills. Various organizations and local groups came together in their own ways to support the cause. The Darjeeling Enfielders played a crucial role as bikers, accompanying the first and last runners to ensure safety and coordination. Local franchises extended their support through refreshments, while printing partners contributed with subsidized materials to make the event possible.



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Students from schools and colleges actively volunteered and participated, alongside running clubs that not only joined the marathon but also extended their support as volunteers. The participation of tourists further amplified the reach of the message beyond the region. This collective effort highlighted how deeply the community values animal lives and their inclusion within the social fabric of the hills.



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The Pawrathon stood as a true One Health initiative, bringing together individuals and organizations across sectors—demonstrating how collaborative action can create meaningful impact for both animals and humans.



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During the event, we also highlighted the work of Darjeeling Goodwill Animal Shelter (DGAS) in collaboration with Mission Rabies, focusing on Anti-Rabies Vaccination across the GTA region to build herd immunity, eliminate dog-mediated rabies in both animals and humans, and ensure the continued coexistence of dogs and humans within our communities. Additionally, we emphasized Dog Population Management through scientific and high-standard sterile surgical methods.

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## Paw-rawthon held in Darjeeling to promote animal welfare



**REZA PRADHAN**

**DARJEELING, March 22:** Dogs of all shapes and sizes were seen walking in unison at Chowrasta on Sunday, accompanied by their owners, in support of animal welfare during the first-of-its-kind "Paw-rawthon" held here.

The event was organised jointly by Woofers, Unnati Foundation, Darjeeling Goodwill Animal Shelter and Vik-Run Foundation, with support from Off-Track Movement and Run Riot. The programme, which both started

and concluded at Chowrasta, featured a 10-km marathon along with a 4-km walkathon. Pets also participated in the walkathon.

Speaking about the objective of the event, Dr Shiwani Pradhan, Veterinarian in Charge of Darjeeling Animal Shelter, said, "We wanted to create awareness about animal welfare and protection. Laws related to animal abuse have also changed, and people need to be aware of them, along with issues like rabies, for which vaccination is available."

She added that the

organisers also felicitated local individuals who have stood up against animal abuse and those who regularly feed stray dogs.

Stating that the event would now be a regular feature, organisers said they aim to highlight various issues related to animal welfare, including promoting compassion towards animals, especially stray dogs, and encouraging responsible pet ownership. They also informed that funds raised through participant fees would be used for animal welfare initiatives such as sterilisation to control the dog population, anti-rabies

vaccination, and care for abandoned pets.

Prizes were distributed to the top three finishers in the marathon, while the walkathon featured awards in categories such as best obedient pet, best dressed pet and best owner-pet partnership. Around 30 pets and their owners participated in the event.

Participants expressed enthusiasm for the initiative. Choten, who took part with her dog Chunzu, said both had an enjoyable experience and appreciated the opportunity for pets to be part of such an event.

Another participant, Tashi, who participated with his dog Dollar, said, "It was a unique experience, though he wandered off route a few times, which delayed us."

Runners from outside Darjeeling, including Sikkim, also took part in the marathon to support the cause.

Devdas Adhikari from Sikkim, who participated in the 10-km run, said, "It was a good experience, though the cold made it slightly challenging. Seeing dogs and their owners participate was inspiring, and I hope it helps raise awareness."

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The event also underscored the importance of preparedness and responsible pet handling. In one instance, a participant was accidentally bitten by his own dog during a playful interaction when the dog was being forced to run. The situation was promptly managed by the team, who were well-prepared for such contingencies, and the owner was immediately provided with first aid, guided to seek medical attention and consult a doctor.



# **RUNNING FOR COMPASSION: DARJEELING HOSTS NORTH INDIA'S FIRST PAWRATHON**

Overall, the Pawrathon proved to be a deeply enriching experience, fostering stronger bonds between organizations and individuals, and bringing the community together for a shared cause. It not only raised awareness but also reinforced the collective commitment towards animal welfare and humane coexistence in the hills.

