



मालवीय राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान जयपुर (राष्ट्रीय महत्व का संस्थान)

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About

The Wellness Club MNIT Jaipur organized a humane education workshop by *Help in Suffering* to foster compassion, empathy, and responsible behavior towards animals. The workshop was conducted on 4th October 2024 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Malaviya Sabhagar, Prabha Bhawan, MNIT Campus. The event was graced by Prof Kanupriya Sachdev, Dean of Student Welfare MNIT Jaipur; Dr Ritika Mahajan, Wellness Coordinator MNIT Jaipur; members of the Wellness Club; and students from different branches.

Visiting Team

The workshop was successfully conducted with well-read and experienced experts.

Their Help in Suffering team had the following extremely talented members-

Inder Sandhu: After a 20-year career in the US, he transitioned to work as a cruelty investigator in Texas and an Animal Control Officer. In 2015, he retired and moved to India to use his skills and experience in India and help reduce human-animal conflict.

Santana Khurrana: The co-founder of Maitri Bhanvna Foundation; she believes in reducing the suffering of animals through education, awareness, interventions, and advocacy.

Natasha Smith: Natasha is an animal lover and has spent the past decade volunteering with Help in Suffering She now leads the organization's Humane Education Program.



Session Highlights

In the workshop, various critical issues related to human-animal interaction were discussed. It stressed that society must learn how to coexist with animals around us because we cannot eliminate them from our surroundings. It also highlighted the need to understand their behavior to overcome irrational fears that may lead to conflicts.

Mr. Inder Sandhu engaged the gathering very well and covered the strategic points such as the reasons behind fear, ways to overcome the fear, the role of local bodies and NGOs in reducing the conflicts, and concerned government regulations. Prof. Kanupriya Sachdev also shared her experience and applauded the workshop. The attendees actively participated through queries and real-life experiences.



Learning outcomes

The workshop culminated with great insights and learnings on developing a healthy human-animal interaction and reducing cases of suffering and conflicts. It signified that animals are an integral part of our surroundings and thus skills of coexistence cannot be ignored. The key takeaways included:

- Developing feeding points in locations less frequented by elderly people and children to reduce the possible harm.
- Partnering with NGOs and local bodies for the sterilization of stray animals.
- Understanding the behavioural traits of animals reduces fear and thus potential conflicts.
- Replacing the irrational fear with a logical understanding of their behaviour.
- Developing a sense of compassion and responsible behaviour towards animals.

