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Activities

(April to June 2000)

Excel 2000 on the banks of Nila

'Riverside Retreat' is on a hillock looking down on a deep curve of the river Nila. Around fifty veterinarians both male and female from the northern districts of Kerala reached this enchanting locale on 20th April 2000, not just for engrossing themselves in this mythical surroundings, but also for attending a precious session on personal excellence.



View of the Participants at Excel 2000

This two day residential session under Project ID was aimed at gaining personal excellence. Dr. P Balachandran, State President inaugurated the programme. Dr. N Mohanan, General Secretary welcomed the delegates and faculty members. The inaugural session was chaired by Dr. Haroon Abdul Rasheed, District President. Dr. Uma introduced the faculty members to the delegates. Dr. K Madhavan and Dr. K P Kunhi Muhammed (District President, AHOAK)

felicitated this venture. Dr. V K P Mohan Kumar proposed vote of thanks. The classes that followed were aimed at grooming the delegates to become role models to the society and to empower them to shoulder greater responsibilities. According to the delegates this programme could instill more self confidence and self esteem in them and received clear insights into their personal missions and visions. They were exposed to skills in oral, written and non verbal communications and they could take part in various team building and leadership exercises. Sri M A S Menon and Sri Vaman Kumar, the noted international HRD trainers handled the sessions. The participants actively involved in the entertainment sessions at the camp fire in the night of 20th on the banks of Bharathappuzha.

Farewell to Dr P P Vava and reception to Dr G Sudevan

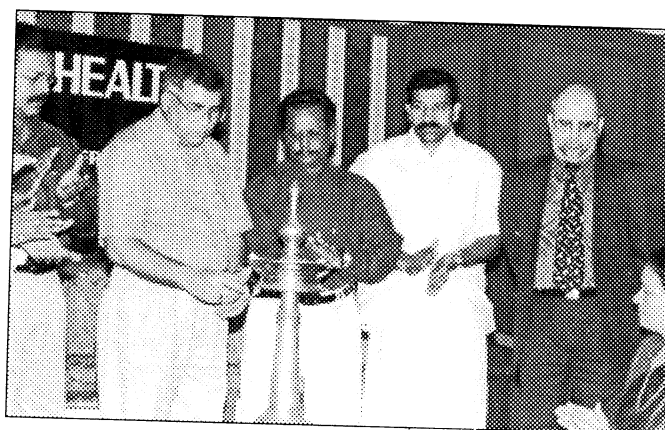
The Indian Veterinary Association Kerala has hosted a party in honour of Dr. P P Vava, former Director of Animal Husbandry and Dr. G Sudevan, the incoming Director. Around 150 veterinarians from different parts of Kerala gathered at 7:30 p m on Sunday, the 2nd of April at Hotel Amrutha,

National President, IVA, Dr.G.Sudevan, Director of Animal Husbandry, Kerala, Dr.S.Abdul Rahman, Secretary, Commonwealth Veterinary Association, Sri.P.T.Gopalakurup, Chairman, Kerala Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation and Sri.C.Anathanarayanan, Assistant General manager, NABARD, Kozhikode. Dr.P.Balachandran, President, IVA, Kerala presided over the function and Dr.N.Mohanan, General Secretary, IVA Kerala welcomed the gathering. Dr.Vidyadharan, Organizing Secretary proposed the vote of thanks.

In the scientific session, 14 papers

Dr.Yathiraj, Prof & Head Dept. of Medicine, Bangalore Veterinary College

- *Rabies - Regional status report on incidence and control*
Dr.S.Abdul Rahman
- *Advances in Diagnosis and Treatment in Large Animals*
Dr.V.D.Padmanabhan, Editor, IVJ, Chennai
- *Recent Concepts in Management of Fertility in Farm Animals*
Dr.S.R.Pattabhiraman, Retd. Professor, Madras Veterinary College
- *A revolutionary concept in trace minerals supplementation in large Animals*
C.B.Pande, General Manager, Natural Remedies (P). Ltd.
- *Current Concepts in Production Diseases of Cattle*



Dr.V.K. Taneja inaugurating the National Workshop.

related to animal health were presented by various experts from India and Abroad.

- *Principles of Pet Nutrition*
Dr.A.Deshmukh, Senior Scientist, Purina Company, USA
- *Commercial vs. Traditional Food in Canine Health*
Dr.S.Abdul Rahman, Secretary, Commonwealth Veterinary Association
- *Nutrition in Diseases of Pets*
Dr.R.Kadirvel, Dean, Madras Veterinary College
- *Clinical diagnosis of diseases of Pet animals*
Dr.P.Dhanapalan, Prof.& Head, Dept.of Clinical Medicine, Madras Veterinary College
- *Nutritional Requirement of Pet Animals.*
Dr.A.Deshmukh
- *Therapeutic Management of Infectious Diseases of Canines*

Dr.R.Vijayan, Dept. of Animal Husbandry, College of Agriculture, Kerala

- *Parasitic Zoonosis*
Dr.S.Abdul Rahman
- *Nutritional Therapy in the Management of Systemic Diseases*
Dr.Yathiraj
- *Modern Therapeutic Agents in Veterinary Practice*
Dr.Jacob V.Cheeran, Prof. & Head, Dept. of Pharmacology, College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Kerala

A compendium of seminar papers was released by Dr. R.S.Sharma, National President, IVA, by handing over a copy to Dr.V.D.Padmanabhan, Editor, Indian Veterinary Journal. 150 delegates attended the workshop.

IVA protests against attack on Dr.K.C.Vijayan

The State President Dr.P.Balachandran addressed a large gathering of public and members of the Action Council at Mulanthuruthi Junction on 24th May. He condemned the dastardly attack on Dr.K.C.Vijayan and urged the authorities to book the culprits immediately. He also assured the strong support of IVA to the Action Council. Dr.Joseph Scariah (State President, AHOAK) also spoke at



Dr. Joseph Scariah addressing the gathering at Mulanthuruthy

the function and offered the unstinted support to the Action Council. Dr.K.C.Vijayan, District Animal Husbandry Officer, Ernakulam and his driver Sri.Sudhakaran were manhandled by one David George by 11:00 pm on 3rd May at Kolancherikadavu. The attack was totally unexpected and Dr.Vijayan sought the help of local people and the police. The police officials though identified the person, have not taken strong action against him. The natives and public of Mulanthuruthi have formed an Action Council to protest against the biased attitude of the police. The IVA district unit has protested against this attack, and represented to the District Collector and District Suprentendent of Police. The State Unit has submitted representations to the Secretary (Home)

and the DGP. Local leaders belonging to various political parties and organisations spoke at the function. The Action Council plans to pursue its agitation till the culprit is punished.

Personal Excellence Programme - Alleppey

Thirty two veterinarians attended the two day residential programme on 'Personal Excellence' under project IT and named Excel-2000 at KTDC Yatri Nivas, Alappuzha on 20th and 21st May. This programme was inaugurated by Dr.Satheesh Babu, District Animal Husbandry Officer, Alappuzha. Dr. P.Balachandran, State President presided over the opening ceremony. Dr.N.Mohanan State General Secretary welcomed the participants. Dr.Jyothish Babu (Dist. Secretary) introduced the faculty members and Dr.Jayachandra Kamath (District President) proposed the vote of thanks. Sri.Cherien Varghese (Kottayam), Sri.M.A.S.Menon (Thrissur) and Sri.Rajamony (Kozhikkode) handled various sessions on personality development, public speaking, presentation skills and communication skills. Dr.Manju George Varghese of Pathanamthitta was adjudged the best participant.

Project Talent-South Zone Meet at Trivandrum

The noted film actor and President of 'AMMA' Sri Raghavan inaugurated the Project Talent of South Zone, at Museum hall, Trivandrum on 28th May. Dr.Shiraz Khan welcomed the guest of honour, delegates and their families. Dr.K.Udayavarman, former President of IVA presided over the function. Dr.N.Mohanan, State General Secretary



*Sri. Rajasenan receives Memento
from the President*

felicitated the function. Dr.V.A.Anil Kumar, State Vice President proposed the vote of thanks. Various competitions were held and almost all the vets and their family members participated.

Workshop on Reorganization of the Department of Animal Husbandry

A workshop on reorganization of the department of Animal Husbandry was organised under the joint auspices of

address. He appreciated the involvement of the officers of the Animal Husbandry Department and the service organizations in the implementation of various projects and remarked that their suggestions were very positive and constructive. He urged the delegates to take the financial situation of the state also before finalizing the proposals.

The function was presided over by Dr Joseph Scariah, President, AHOAK. Dr G Sudevan, Director of Animal Husbandry made the introductory speech at the function. Dr B Aravind, President, KVSSA welcomed the gathering. Dr P Balachandran, President, Indian Veterinary Association, Kerala felicitated the function. Dr Manjunath, Co ordinator presented the draft proposals before the delegates. Around seventy delegates drawn from different parts of Kerala including retired hands attended the function. They were



Sri E Chandrasekharan Nair Sri V J Thankappan Sri S M Vijayanand Sri Sajan Peter Dr G Sudevan Sri S Ramachandran Pillai

K.V.S.S.A, A.H.O.A.K and I.V.A. Kerala at 10:00 am on 19th June 2000 at the Veterinarians' Building. Sri Sajan Peter IAS, Secretary (AH) inaugurated the Workshop. In his inaugural address he enlightened the delegates on the growing challenges the Animal Husbandry

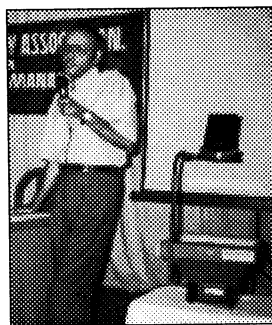
sector has to face in the days to come. Sri S M Vijayanand IAS, Secretary, Local Administration, presented the key note

divided into three groups and were asked to discuss the draft proposals. The three groups were chaired by Dr P O Abraham, Dr K R Ramachandran Nair and Dr Gopinathan. The groups discussed till 3:30 p m and the consolidated reports were presented by Dr L Ravikumar, Dr P M Prasad, and Dr M Gangadharan Nair. In the plenary session that followed Dr P Balachandran presented the recommendations outcome of the workshop.

Sri E Chandrasekharan Nair, Hon. Minister for Animal Husbandry addressed the delegates in the plenary session. He congratulated the organizations for putting such an effort and appreciated the commitment of the veterinarians. He assured that the recommendations will be implemented in letter and spirit. Sri V J Thankappan, Vice Chairman, Administrative Reforms Committee also addressed the delegates. He lauded the sincere efforts of the veterinarians in the Peoples' Campaign for Planning. He had also put forward a few suggestions to be considered by the body. Sri S Ramachandran Pillai, Assistant Professor, Institute of Management in Government and Moderator of the Workshop summarised the recommendations of the Workshop. Dr K Udayavarman proposed the vote of thanks.

District Activities

Kollam: A seminar on "Stress Management" was organized by the unit on 26th April at Hotel Sudarsan. Around forty vets and their families attended the programme. Sri Chandraprasad Sreedhar, Psychologist

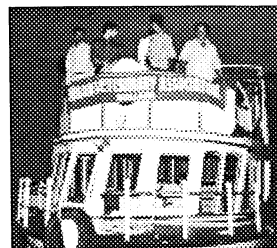


Sri. Chandraprasad Sreedhar

and Faculty Member of Institute of Management in Government, Thiruvananthapuram handled the session. This programme was formally inaugurated by Dr. P Balachandran, State President. Dr. S Chandran Kutty, District President presided over the function. Dr. K K

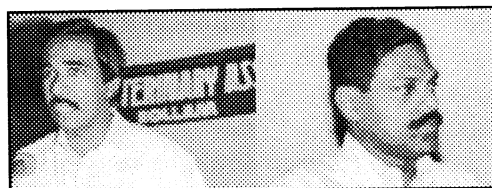
Thomas, District Secretary welcomed the guest and participants. Dr. George Varghese proposed vote of thanks.

The district unit arranged a family get together on board of a luxury boat "Aathithya" on 27th May.



Around 30 families enjoyed this trip in the Ashtamudi back waters.

The District Unit organized a professional update programme (CVE) on 23rd June 2000 at Public Library Hall.



Dr. R. Vijayan

Dr. T.V. Anilkumar

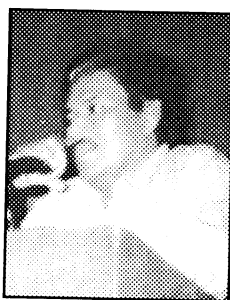
Kollam. Dr R Vijayan, Associate Professor, Kerala Agricultural University presented the paper on 'Current concepts in the production diseases of cattle' and Dr T V Anil Kumar, Pathologist, Sri Chitra Thirunal Academy of Medical Sciences presented the paper on 'Fundamentals of veterinary haematology'. Around 40 members attended this programme.

Kottayam

The unit organized a function to bid Dr. P P Vava farewell who has retired on 31st March at Vembanad Lake Resort. Dr. G Sudevan, Director of Animal Husbandry was felicitated at another function organized by the district unit on 15th April at Hotel Aiswarya.

The unit has arranged a talk by Mr. George Issac on 'Food Adulteration Act and Safe Food'. The unit associated with Lakhotia Computer Centre, Kottayam to provide the members with a hands on training on personal computers and Internet.

The District Unit hosted a warm farewell party at Hotel Aida on 2nd June in honour of Dr Thomas Mathew, Deputy Director (AH), Kottayam who retired from service on 31st May. Dr



Dr Thomas Mathew

George Thomas presided over the function and Dr Gokulanathan Nair presented a memento to Dr Thomas Mathew on behalf of the vets of Kottayam. A talk on 'Income Tax' was arranged to the benefit of the members. Mr Johny Mathew, Chartered Accountant handled the class and cleared the doubts of the members. The second issue of the 'Kottayam Vets' Bulletin' was released in time. The 'Building Committee' with Dr Thomas Mani as Chairman has come out with an appeal for fund raising. Taluk committees also were formed for this.

Alappuzha

A scientific seminar and pet show were organized by the district unit on 8th April at Town L P school, Cherthala. Sri V V Jayaram, Municipal Chairman inaugurated the programme. Dr. P Balachandran, State President presided over the function. Prof. Dr. P K Gopalakrishnan, Sri Issac Madavana, Sri N R Balakrishnan, Dr. T M Vincent, and Dr. V P Joy spoke at the function. The seminar on "Rabies



Sri. V.V. Jayaram inaugurating the Seminar

Control" was led by Dr. N Ajayan (AH Directorate) and Dr. V Gangadharan (Health Services) was the moderator. The seminar on "Production of quality meat" was led by Dr. J Abraham (Meat Technology Unit, Veterinary College, Thrissur) and Dr. C J Joseph (former DAHO, Alappuzha) acted as the moderator. Around 100 pets were exhibited at the show that followed the seminar.

Kasargod

The district unit arranged a session on Internet, e-mail and basics of computers for the vets at Guest House, Kasargod in association with C-Lands Computers, Kasargod. Dr. A K Rafeek, State Joint Secretary and Dr. B aravind, President, KVSSA attended the inaugural meeting. Almost all the vets of the district attended the programme.

The District Unit has arranged a function on 3rd June to felicitate Dr G Sudevan, Director of Animal Husbandry. Dr K M. K Alva presided over the function and Dr A K Bose presented a memento to Dr Sudevan. Dr K V Ramesh Kumar proposed the vote of thanks.

Pathanamthitta

The district unit arranged a farewell party in honour of Dr P P Vava, the outgoing Director of Animal Husbandry at Hotel Italia, Thiruvalla.

Wyanad

The IVA district unit has arranged seminars and mass vaccination camps



Sri. K.K. Sasi inaugurating the programme

in Meenangadi Panchayat as a part of the mass drive against rabies. The mass contact and awareness programme was formally inaugurated by Sri. K K Sasi, President, Meenangadi Panchayat. Smt. Gracy, Member, District Panchayath and Dr M Abdul Karim spoke at the function. The district unit also took up a similar drive at Sultan Bathery panchayat also.

The 'Karshikamela' organised by the district unit on 26th, 27th and 28th May at SDM LP School, Kalpetta attracted a large number of farmers from different parts of the district. Sri.K.K.Ramachandran Master MLA inaugurated the seminars in connection with the Karshika Mela on 26th morning. The function was presided over by Dr.P.Balachandran, State president. Sri.P.V.Varghese Vaidyan MLA



Sri. K.K. Ramachandran Master MLA and Sri. P.V. Varghese Vaidyan MLA inaugurating the seminar and exhibition respectively

inaugurated the exhibition. Sri.Puthurmadam Mohan (District Information Officer), Dr. N.Mohanan (State General Secretary), Dr.Mushin (DAHO, Kozhikkode) an Adv.Chathukkutty (Municipal Chairman) felicitated the function.

Dr.K.G.Suma (Vice president, IVA Kerala) welcomed the gathering and Dr.M.A.Karim (President, IVA Wynad) proposed vote of thanks. Dr. N.Prasad (Retd. Addl.Director) and Dr.Stephen Mathew took classes for the farmers. On 27th, Sri.P.P.A.Karim (President, District Panchayath), Sri.Dakshina-moorthi (Managing Director MRCMPU), Dr.M.Vasudevan and Smt.Annie K.Chериан (Information Officer, Kozhikkode) addressed the delegates and farmers. Dr.C.P.Gopakumar (Dy.Manager KLD Board) Dr.N.Ajayan (Directorate of Animal Husbandry) and Dr. Manjunath (Dept. of AID) have taken classes on different topics. On 28th, the farm guide "Mriga Paripalanam" prepared by the IVA unit was released by Dr.G.Sudevan, Director of Animal Husbandry. The concluding session was inaugurated by Sri.P.T.Gopalakurup, Chairman KCMMF. Dr.P.O.George (Retd.Professor, Veterinary College), took a class on pet animals. The entertainment sessions followed each day's programme. The RVC squad of veterinary college thrilled the people of Kalpetta with their horses.

Thrissur

The district unit opened an Information Counter for the farmers and other visitors at the exhibition arranged by Malayala Manorama as part of the Karshaka Sree Mela. A seminar on "Emerging trends in dog breeding" was organized by the unit. This session covered all aspects of canine breeding namely induction of estrus, collection of semen, artificial insemination, semen preservation, vaginal cytology and pregnancy diagnosis.

The district unit associated with Vellukkara Gramapanchayat for the conduct of an animal health camp. Sri

Sajeevan Master, President, Vellukkara Panchayat, Sri M.S. Mani, President, Vellangallur Block Panchayat, Dr. U.S. Ramachandran, and Dr. V.B. Ajithan, spoke at the inaugural meeting.

Sri Lonappan Nambadan MLA inaugurated the animal health camp organized by IVA District Unit at Nadavarambu. Sri. Sajeevan Master, Dr. K. Anil Kumar, Dr. Aravinda Ghosh (Veterinary College) and Dr. V.B. Ajithan spoke at the meeting.

On 1st April, Dr. T.P. Balagopal (Veterinary College) has taken class on 'Surgical conditions affecting mammary glands' for the vets. Dr. Aravinda Ghosh took class on 'hormonal treatment for infertility in bovines'. On 8th April Dr. G. Sudevan and Dr. N. Ashok were given a warm reception by the IVA Unit at Hotel Elite International on 11th April. On 25th, Dr. G. Ajith Kumar (Veterinary College) led a discussion on 'Infertility condition in bovines' at Veterinarians' Square.

The unit felicitated Dr.E.Madhavan, Dr.Raghunathan Nair, and Dr.Punnoose who have retired from service. A class on 'Antibiotics residues of milk and meat' was arranged on 17th May. Dr.B.Sunil, Asst.Professor, Veterinary College was the felicitator. On 20th May, Dr.P.G.Baby, Associate Professor, Veterinary College, led a discussion on 'Digestive disorders of animals' at Veterinary Hospital, Chalakkudy under the auspices of IVA Mukundapuram Taluk Unit.

Idukki

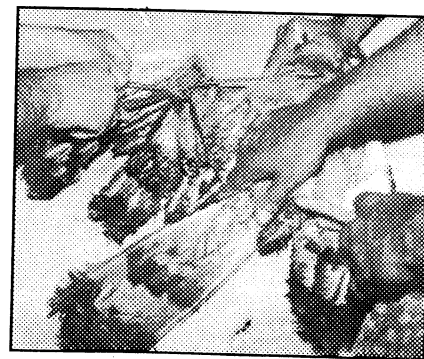
The district unit has decided to associate with Junior Chamber to implement a programme to control rabies in Thodupuzha Municipality. The conference hall of the District Animal

Husbandry Office was furnished by IVA District Unit at a cost of Rs. 30,000/-.

A reference library instituted by the District Unit, with a large collection of Indian and foreign veterinary books, at District Veterinary Centre, Thodupuzha was inaugurated by Dr. K.K.Sasi, District Animal Husbandry Officer, Idukki. The district unit completed its membership campaign with 100% achievement.

A reception was accorded to Dr G Sudevan, Director of Animal Husbandry at Rotary Club Hall, Thodupuzha on 9th June 2000.

A photography contest was organized by the District Unit. Sri Jose Kutty Panackal of Pannimattom bagged the first prize while Sri Anto Jacob of Paika, Kottayam was awarded with the second prize. The cash awards and merit certificates will be distributed at the Annual District Convention. Dr P V Narendran demonstrated a 'Gutter



Surgery on Eagle

Splint' application on an eagle for the members on 18th June at Thodupuzha. This demo was arranged as part of the CVE programme of the district unit. The unit signed an MoU with M/s Athikkal Automobiles for a vehicle financing and distribution scheme exclusively for the members of the Department of Animal Husbandry.

Kozhikkode

Vadakara taluk IVA unit felicitated Kumari Amulya Nirmal, 1st rank holder in Pre-degree (Science) Exam of Calicut University at a family get together held on 14th June at Hotel Sreekrishna International. Dr. Jancy Sreekumar presided over the meeting. Dr. P.K. Mauhsin presented a memento to Kumari Amulya Nirmal.

Eranakulam

A family get together was organized by the District Unit at Federal Bank Officers' Association Building, Aluva. Thirty five families participated in this function. Dr P B Salim who has been selected to the Indian Civil Services was accorded a warm reception at Hotel Ganga, Muvattupuzha by the members of the district unit and other well wishers.

Malappuram

The Malappuram Unit organizes a series of awareness and mass contact programmes to take the achievements,



Inaugural Session

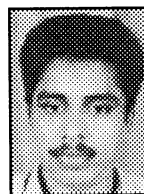
concerns and prospects of the animal husbandry sector to the public. The first session in this series, "Control of zoonotic diseases for human health" was inaugurated on 9th June at Vengara by Smt Jameela Bava, Block Panchayat President. Dr Haroon Abdul Rasheed presided over the meeting. Dr V K P Mohan Kumar felicitated the function. Dr K T Joseph, Dr V Sunil Kumar and Dr P U Abdul Azeez presented papers.

Signposts



Dr. G Sudevan took over the reins of the Department of Animal Husbandry on 1st April 2000. During the last five years he was the

Additional Director and the Vigilance Officer of the department. Born at Kottamam of Neyyattinkara, Dr. Sudevan graduated in Veterinary Science from College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Mannuthy in 1972. He obtained post graduate diploma in animal health from Royal Veterinary College and Agricultural University, Denmark and diploma in fodder development from Fodder Research Institute, Jhansi. He started his professional career as Veterinary Surgeon, Uduma. He held many key posts as Director, Veterinary Biological Institute and Registrar, Kerala State Veterinary Council. It was during his term of office, the first ever election to the State Veterinary Council held. He is also known for his film documentaries.



Dr. P B Salim has been selected to Indian Civil Services. He had secured 322 nd rank in the UPSC Civil services Examination '99. He hails from Pezhakappally, near Muvattupuzha. A student of 1991 batch of College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Mannuthy for B V Sc & A H, he took his M V Sc in Animal Genetics and Breeding from IVRI. At present he is doing his Ph.D at IVRI.



Ms. Amulya Nirmal won the first rank in the Predegree Examination of Calicut University. She secured 941 marks in the

first group (Maths). Amulya is the daughter of Dr. Nirmal Kumar, former Asst. Director, Poultry Farm, Chathamangalam and Dr. Sudha Nirmal, Civil Surgeon, Taluk Hospital, Quilandy. Amulya plans to pursue her studies at Birla Institute of Technology.



Mr. Prabhin Chungath,
S/o Dr Rajan Chungath
keeps on winning laurels
in the Youth Festivals. He
won first prize in Elecution
competition and third prize

in the Essay competition (Sanskrit) in
the University Youth Festival in 1999-
2000. He received first prizes in the
Essay and Elecution
competitions(Sanskrit) in 1998-99 as
well as second prizes in story writing
and elecution competitions (Sanskrit)
in 1997-98. He also won another second
prize in the Drama copetition (Sanskrit)
in 1996-97.

Obituary

Dr.S.Sreedhara Kurup



Dr.S.Sreedhara Kurup
expired on 15th Feb 2000.
He was 52, and has left
behind wife and three
children. Born on 15th
Feb 1948 in Travangur
Sankara Mangalam

family in Mavelikkara he graduated in
1970 from Veterinary College Mannuthy
and entered in service 1973 as
Veterinary Surgeon Trivoor. He has
worked in various institutions and lastly
he was working as Quality Control
Officer in V.V.B. Palode.

He was a very active member of
Association and was one among those
instrumental to have us a building of
our own at Trivandrum.

His wife Dr. P.L.Santhakumar is now

working as Professor of Philosophy at
University College Trivandrum.
Daughter, Sandhya.S. is doing her final
year M.B.B.S. Radha and Rema are Pre-
Degree students.

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