

AGB of IALV and National Seminar held

A national seminar on Women in Veterinary Science and Animal

Husbandry was organized on the auspices of Golden Jubilee celebrations of College of

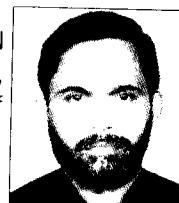


Veterinary and Animal sciences Mannuthy along with the annual general body meeting of Indian Association of Lady Veterinarians on January 4th and 5th at Veterinary college Mannuthy. The seminar was inaugurated by Dr. Jancy James, Vice Chancellor MG university, Kottayam. Dr. K. V. Peter Vice chancellor, Kerala Agricultural University, delivered the presidential Address. Dr. E. Nanu, Dean COVAS, Mannuthy welcomed the gathering and Dr. P.P. Balakrishnan, Associate Dean, COVAS, Pookot, Shri C.R. Das, Councillor, Thrissur corporation, felicitated the eminent lady veterinarians present. The first lady veterinarian of the country Dr. Sakkubai Ramachandran from Madras Veterinary College, Dr. K.I Mariamma, first lady vet from Kerala Veterinary College, Dr. S. Sulochana, first lady Dean in the country, Dr. K. G. Suma, first lady president Veterinary Council, Dr. Rebecca Thomas, first Lady president, IVA, Kerala were among the lady veterinarians who were honoured in the seminar. Dr. Sosamma lype was honoured for over all achievement in research. Dr. Valasala Skaria , eminent elephant clinician, Dr. Maria Liza Mathew, Winner, Farm journalism Award 2002, Dr. Pushpa Ratnaparkhe, first lady veterinarian of Madhya Pradesh, Dr. P. G. Sharada, first lady veterinarian being the councillor of Cochin corporation, Ksheeradhara award winner Smt. Ponnamma Pathiyoor, Alappuzha Dist. were also felicitated. An interaction with successful women entrepreneurs from Animal Husbandry sector was also there as a part of the seminar. The technical sessions on Women Entrepreneurship in Animal

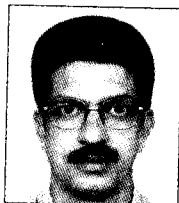
husbandry, Women Veterinarians in Education and Research, Gender issues at work place and in Animal Husbandry practices, Changing landscape of farm journalism marked the two-day programme. The Annual general body of IALV elected Dr. Pushpa Ratnaparkhe as National president, Dr. K.G. Suma as National vice president, Dr. Alka Tomer as General secretary. Other office bearers include Dr. Jancy Sreekumar (Treasurer), Dr. A.P. Usha (Sub treasurer), Dr. Sosamma lype (Editor), Dr. K. Devada (Executive committee member), Dr. K.I. Mariamma (IALV State president) and Dr. Lucy Sabu (State Secretary).

KSVC NEWS

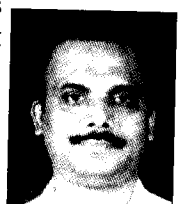
Dr. K. Udayavarman, Additional Director (AH), AHD, Dr. N. Ashok, Assistant Professor, Dept of Anatomy, COVAS, Mannuthy, Dr. S. R. Mohanachandran Nair, Veterinary Surgeon, AHD (Kollam) and Dr. Haroon Abdul Rashid, Veterinary Surgeon, AHD (Malappuram) and joint secretary of IVA, Kerala for the year 2005 was elected to the Kerala State Veterinary Council during the election held in October. Dr. K. Udayavarman was the President of IVA, Kerala during the year 2000 and Chairman of Veterinarians Convention " Sangamom" held at Trivandrum during 2001. Dr. N. Ashok was the officer in charge of academic affairs at COVAS, Mannuthy and is the recipient of " Young Scientist award" for the year 2000 instituted by State Committee on Science, Technology and Environment (STEC). Dr. S. R. Mohanachandran Nair belong to the 1987 batch of B. V. S c. & A. H and has Completed M.V.Sc. in Obstetrics and Gynecology from Madras Veterinary College. He is presently, state Committee Member of KGOA and Vice President of Kottayam District Committee of KGOA. Congrats.



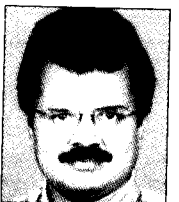
Dr.K.Udayavarman



Dr.N.Ashok



Dr.Haroon- Abdul Rashid



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AHD NEWS

Sri. Oommen Chandy, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala inaugurated starting of 23 new Veterinary Dispensaries at a colorful function in Alappuzha. The Chief Minister has promised to start 7 more new VDs in the those newly created panchayaths. Intensive Buffalo development programme was also launched on the same day to promote buffalos rearing in the state. On the day of launch 200 female buffalo calfs were distributed free to farmers.

JEEVAJALAKOM

The First Round Qualification of Quiz Competition, from Kottayam and Ernakulam districts participated in the Field Level Recording and Chitranjali Studio, Trivandrum, on 4th and 5th of January 2006. Another qualifying round for Kozhikode, Kannur, Kasargode and Wynad Districts were held at Pookot Veterinary College on 21, 22 and 23rd February 2006. The same will be telecast on Tuesdays (6 P.M.), Wednesdays (6.30 A.M.) and Fridays (9 P.M.) in the coming months in Krishidarshan.

WELFARE FUND LAUNCHED FOR MILK PRODUCERS

The Honourable Chief Minister, Sri. Oommen Chandy on 15th January 2006 launched the Kerala Milk Producer's Welfare Fund with the Governments' share of Rs. One Crore. The fund in being Collected with shares from the respective producers, the primary society and the apex society, which comes to 25 paise a litre. The objective is to provide pension, family pension to farmers and financial assistance to tide over emergency situations. Milk a month for the past 10 years could benefit from the scheme.

KAU NEWS

Golden Jubilee - A Grand Finale

The curtains fell on the Golden Jubilee Celebrations at its concluding ceremonies from February 12th -



25th 2006 at College of Veterinary and Animal Science, Manuthy. The concluding ceremony began with a valedictory function honouring the former deans of the college. Honourable Union Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs Sri. Vayalar Ravi M. P., Sri. C. K. Chandrappan M. P. and Sri. P. P. George M. L. A. were the chief guests of the day. The commemoration of the celebrations was honoured by the presence of Sri.P.M.A. Hakeem IAS, Secretary to Govt. of India (AH) as part the National Seminar on Veterinary Education Research and Development in the AH section on 17th and 18th Feb 2006. Sri. Subrotho Biswas IAS, Secretary to Govt. of Kerala (AH), Sri. T.K. Jose IAS Exe. Director Kudumbasree, Dr. Radha krishnan IAS, District Collector Nagapattanam, Dr. B. Ashok IAS, Director AHD, Kerala and Dr. Ani S. Das MD, KLDB were the other guests of the day. The Silver Jubilee Celebrations also envisaged an alumini day on 19th Feb 2006 with meetings of various associations and various cultural programmes. On the next day Feb 20, 2006 the Farmers Day and Cattle Show were conducted. His excellency, Sri. R.L. Bhatia, the Governor of Kerala, was chief guest. Various senior officers



of AHD and local leaders participated.

The Veterinary College Campus Day, PTA meet and athletic meet were held on 21st and 22nd of Feb 2006.

The Pet show and cultural fest "Souhruda Sandya" were the highlights of the programme on 23-2-06. The concluding days of this august event saw the organisers holding an International Seminar on Production of safe and quality meat and meat products and the launch of test market trials of valuation processed meat products. Dr. Sri Kumar Banerjee, Director B. A. R. C., Dr. Suresh Pillai, Director Texas Agricultural & Medical University, USA, and Prof. Rodolfo M Nayja graced the occasion.

The golden jubilee celerations of this epitome of higher learning in Veterinary Science would come

to a grand finale with the valedictory function on 25- 2- 06 with Sri.Therambil Ramakrishnan, Hon. Speaker, Kerala Legislative Assembly and Prof. R. Bindhu, Worshipful Mayor of Thrissur Co-orporation as the guests of honor.

KLDB NEWS

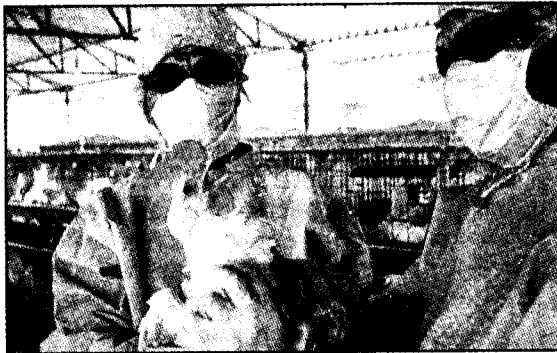
National seminar on Strategies for quality improvement of AI delivery systems in India was organized by the KLDB from 31st January 2006 to 2nd February 2006 at Muscut Hotel, Trivandrum.

His Excellency Governor Sri. R. L. Bhatia inaugurated



the seminar and Smt. K. R. Gouri Amma, Hon. Minister of AH released the compendium. Delegates from 20 states attended the seminar.

AVIAN INFLUENZA- UPDATES



Bird flu hits India

2006 Feb 18

The dreaded pathogenic H5N1 bird flu has hit the country – about 50,000 birds are suspected to have been infected in the tribal Nandurbar district of Maharashtra. The secretary, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India, Sri.P.M.A Hakeem said that as a precaution 2 lakh birds being reared within 3 km radius of the affected area would be culled. A team of over 200 veterinary doctors and specialists has been rushed to Maharashtra. The H5N2 vaccine for birds and Tami flu tablets against human infection have been moved to the district. Mr. Hakeem said the cause of the infection could not be ascertained although it was suspected to be from migratory birds. Mr. Hakeem said initially Ranikhet disease was suspected but the Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratory at Bhopal where samples of infected birds were sent two days ago confirmed the pathogenic avian flu organism. India has tested 20,000 samples of birds since 2004 at its four laboratories in Pune, Bangalore, Kolkata and Jalandar. This has been the first time that tests have been positive.

2006 Feb 19

Government of Kerala bracing to tackle bird flu threat

The state government is bracing to tackle the threat from H5N1 avian influenza virus in the wake of reports of the viral disease in Maharashtra. Dr B Ashok, Director, Animal Husbandry Department said that the checking system at all the 17 border check posts had been tightened. Special veterinary teams had been sent to the border check posts to ensure that only stocks certified as free from bird flu enter the state.

KAU to join bird flu Control Measures

The Kerala Agriculture University and the two veterinary colleges affiliated to it have expressed their willingness to support the contingency operations being launched by the state government to avert the outbreak of the deadly avian flu in the state. CII suggests reforms for boosting investment in agriculture.

2006 Feb 22: Official sources have indicated that the state is fully equipped to face an outbreak of avian flu if the situation warranted. In even of the disease being reported, it would be necessary to cull all birds within a radius of 3 km from the focus of infection. The Animal Husbandry has issued guidelines to all District collectors in the state to form emergency squads of thirty persons in all blocks. The squad would include veterinary doctors, health inspectors and livestock inspectors.

2006 Feb 23: Officials of the Animal husbandry department in Kollam district seized 3000 ducklings, which had been smuggled into the state without the necessary documents. The blood samples were sent to the high security lab at Bhopal for testing.