

AWARDS & HONOURS

Dr. T. Shiras Khan Bags film Critics Award for 1997

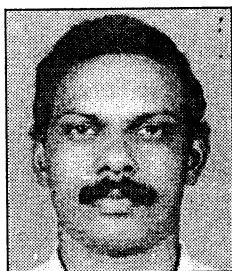


Dr. T. Shiras Khan bagged Film Critics Award for 1997 for his article 'Secular Cinema' which appeared in 'Janapadham'. Dr. T. Shiras Khan, a graduate of College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Mannuthy and now working for the department of Animal Husbandry Kerala, has been writing articles and books on cinema since 1987. He received the award for the best book on cinema in 1994, instituted by Kerala Film Critics Association, for his book 'Nalla Cinema, Nalla Samootham'. He reviews Television programmes regularly for 'Deshabhimani Weekly' and 'Madhyama Bodhi', and contributes to various other journals. He has produced and directed TV programmes as 'Samskarika Mudra', 'Zoonotic Diseases', as well as programmes

as "Sukumar Azheekkode" and 'Njan, Ente Chalachithrangal on the life and works of Adoor Gopalakrishnan. He served as a member of the organizing committee of International Film Festival Kerala, in 1997 and member of Preliminary Selection Jury for the award of Padmarajan Film Award during 1995, 96 and 1997. He was a member of the Seminar and Bulletin committees of the International Film Festival, Kerala held during the first week of April 1998. He is currently the Editor of 'Madhyama Bodhi' and Director of 'Madhyama Padana Kendram' (Centre for Media Studies)"

Heartly Congratulations to Dr. Shiras Khan

Dr. P.C. Alex elected to the General Council, Kerala Agricultural University



Dr. P.C. Alex was elected to the General Council of the Kerala Agricultural University in the recently held elections. Dr. P.C. Alex, a product of College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Mannuthy belongs to the first batch of Kerala Agricultural University. He had his postgraduation in Clinical Medicine from University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, and his doctorate from Tamilnadu University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences. He is actively engaged in the service organizations and

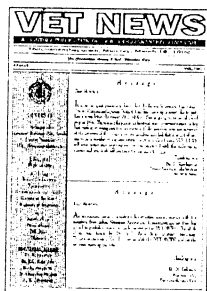
always in the forefront of the agitations for social causes. He is admired by his followers and co-workers for his leadership skills and analytical mind. A firebrand leader he is, and served as Secretary of Veterinary Faculty Teachers Association (VFTA) in 1995 and 1996, and President during 1997. A native of Poonjar, Dr. P.C. Alex is now settled in Mannuthy. He is currently Associate Professor, Department of Clinical Medicine, Veterinary College, Mannuthy.

Congratulations, Dr. P.C. Alex. And good luck!

NEWS

Resigns from Veterinary Council

Dr. P. Balachandran, resigned his membership on 5th November 1997, following differences of opinion with the President over the functioning of the Kerala State Veterinary Council. The resignation was instantly accepted by the President.



'Vet News' launched

Thiruvananthapuram District Unit of IVA released their monthly publication named 'Vet News'. The current issue is a four page one, with messages from General Secretary of IVA, a strong Editorial on the plight of Veterinarians by Dr. N.Sukesan, Scientific articles by Dr. E.G. Prem Jain, Dr.R.Venugopal, an activities diary, and news clips. Dr. N. Sukesan, Dr. E.G. Prem Jain, Dr. R. Venugopal, Dr. Vinay Raj Stephen and Dr. K. Jayakumar constitute the Editorial Board. Congratulations and Best wishes.

Advanced Training to Senior Officers



Three batches of Senior Officers of the Department of Animal Husbandry, have undergone Advanced Training in Depts. of Microbiology, Pathology and Animal Reproduction during the first quarter of this year. Each batch consisted of ten officers each. As part of the Training Programme each batch went on study tours to various places. While one batch visited Goa, Bangalore and Ooty, another batch visited Chennai. The third batch had the privilege of visiting Kalpeni, Minicoy and Kavarathi islands of the Laccadives.

Silver Jubilee meet of Forum '73

Members of the Forum '73 (Veterinary Graduates of 1973 batch) met at Casino Hotels, Thrissur on 10th February 1998. An year long programme is charted out to celebrate the Silver Jubilee. A family get together and tour is scheduled for December '98. Twenty five members attended the meeting and dinner. Silver Jubilee souvenirs were distributed at the function.

IMA boycotts Malayala Manorama

State Working Committee of IMA, Kerala decided to request all the IMA members in the state to boycott Malayala Manorama publications from 1.3.1998. Malayala Manorama Kozhikkode Edition ran a series of articles on private hospitals in January 1998, allegedly tarnishing the image of the profession. IMA felt that those articles were highly derogatory in nature, facts were distorted, and frivolous matters have been exaggerated. IMA expects each and every member to tell his news agent why he or she stops subscribing to Malayala Manorama publications.

New Veterinary Institutions opened

Retired Livestock Inspectors open Artificial Insemination centres and Veterinary clinics throughout the State. They are sponsored by retired magnanimous veterinarians, who give undertakings to the KLD Board that they will monitor the activities regularly. What actually happens there, nobody knows but every one involved seem quite happy.

