

# Activities of organizations

## INDIAN VETERINARY ASSOCIATION, KERALA

**T**he organization's stand is to concentrate on the advancement of the professional activities leaving the service problems to the respective service associations. However, IVA took some firm moves in the matters related to the service problems also when it found that the support and intervention by IVA was inevitable to uphold the dignity of the profession.

We have strongly objected to the proposed move to start private Artificial Insemination centres by the Kattappana Block Panchayat. The Association presented the hardships encountered while implementing the State Plan schemes as Fertility Camps etc. through Local Bodies. Besides the Association has requested to the Government to start Disease Free Zone Units in the remaining districts other than Thiruvananthapuram, Pathanamthitta and Kollam. We have

appealed to the Minister of Animal Husbandry to establish an Animal Husbandry Information Bureau on par with the Farm Information Bureau. Our sector is often neglected and never given adequate exposure.

Our Association didn't hesitate to present the sad plight of the veterinarians now under the local self governments. We have cited the humiliation meted out to the veterinary surgeons working in Grama Panchayats who were assigned petty jobs as recording minutes of the Panchayat meetings. We requested the Government to issue necessary guidelines to the local bodies to assign only professional and technical jobs only to the veterinary officers working under them.

There was a spurt in the incidence of outbreaks of Foot and Mouth disease in the state. Trivandrum, Thrissur and Palakkad were

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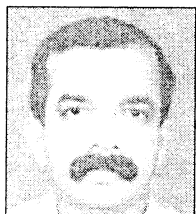
## ANIMAL HUSBANDRY OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION, KERALA

New office bearers were elected at the Annual General Body meeting of the Association held at Thrissur on 18th April. Dr. Joseph Scariah (Palai) was elected as President and Dr. M Gangadharan Nair was elected as General Secretary. Other office bearers are Dr. Usha Pushkar, Thrissur ( Vice President), Dr. D Jayarus Thiruvananthapuram (Vice President), Dr. P Sunil Kumar Malappuram (Joint Secretary), Dr. K V Sukumaran Ernakulam (Joint Secretary) and Dr. D RamaKamath Alappuzha (Treasurer). The annual General Body decided to extend wholehearted support to the agitation staged by the Kerala Veterinary Surgeons' Service Association. The Association submitted its charter of demands to the Minister of Animal Husbandry, Secretary to Government, and the Director of Animal Husbandry. The demands were-

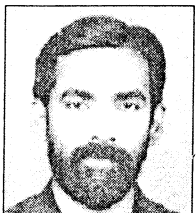
- 2.promote the officers in time
- 3.implement the time bound grade promotions urgently.
- 4.transfer norms may be fixed and enforced
- 5.appoint ministerial employees at Veterinary Institutions
- 6.abandon the move to change the working hours of veterinary institutions
- 7.restore the Risk Allowance
- 8.grant non practising allowance toe deserved.

Convened 14 meetings of the Executive Committees since the new officers took charge. Led the members at the agitation and Dharnas, and conducted Press Conferences to enlighten the media and public on the moves. A service cell was constituted at Thiruvananthapuram for the speedy redress of grievances of the members.

Dr M Gangadharan Nair, General Secretary



Dr. Joseph Scariah  
President



Dr. M. Gangadharan Nair  
General Secretary

- 1.rectify the anomalies resulted out of the recommendations of the Pay Commission 1992

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the worst hit districts. The unusually high mortality, severe production loss and re-emergence of the disease among vaccinated groups of animals prompted the IVA to organize a series of seminars and field visits. A "**Technical Cell and Expert Committee on FMD**" was constituted to oversee the current activities on the control of F&M Disease. To develop a Master Plan for the control of the disease, a workshop was organized in association with Department of Animal Husbandry and Kerala Agricultural

University on 14th August 1999 at College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Mannuthy. Dr. K N. Syamasundaran Nair, Vice Chancellor, KAU inaugurated the workshop. Dr. G Sudevan, Additional Director, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dr. S Sulochana, Dean, College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences participated in the inaugural session. Around 80 delegates from all the districts of Kerala took part in the deliberations and their findings will appear in the compendium to be brought out by the IVA.

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were thrust upon by funds, political pressure and even threats in some places. The satirical reports of implementation of animal husbandry projects appeared in news papers reveal the actual quality of our work in general. The whole blame rests with the profession which should open the eyes of all concerned and act in the appropriate way.

#### **The role of IVA**

One of the foremost aim of our professional organization is the utilisation of services of the profession for developmental activities. A major portion of funds under the current IX Five Year Plan of the State is now being channelled through local bodies; for carrying out developmental activities. Special priority has been insisted for production oriented programmes to which we are directly concerned. So anybody who is interested in the development of the State cannot ignore this current novel "Peoples' Campaign for Planning". Indian Veterinary Association, (Kerala) is bound to give prime importance to this aspect. It should take the lead to make its members aware of the crucial nature of the situation. It should chalk out effective programmes for quality improvement of

animal husbandry activities- implementation, organizing and co-ordinating different categories of the profession viz., departmental officers, specialists in institutions and non-Governmental bodies and retired personnel. We cannot let this responsibility to the Planning Board or Government and remain as mere onlookers. Let the IVA impart sufficient spirit and enthusiasm to its members to get into the flow and recapture the leadership of our activities.

#### **In General**

The gravity of the situation may not be felt by everybody. In scattered cases where things were done in a better way, they may feel that things are not that bad. But we should realise that at present, in general, the image and prestige of our profession has been badly scarred, before the public and authorities. This movement as "Peoples' Campaign for Planning" is drawing the attention of planning experts outside the State and Country and if we do not care to render proper seriousness to the matter, things will worsen. It will be good for the profession if the IVA realises its obligation and responsibility and act suitably. □

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