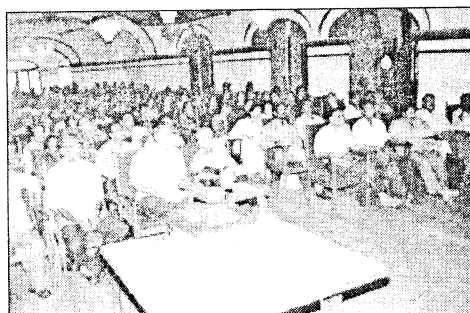


# World Zoonoses Day Celebrations

**I**ndian Veterinary Association, Kerala commemorated World Zoonoses Day. Sri E Chandrasekharan Nair, Minister for Animal Husbandry inaugurated the celebrations at 10:00 am on 6th July 1999 at Kanakakunnu Palace, Thiruvananthapuram.



Sri E Chandrasekharan Nair, Minister for Animal Husbandry inaugurating the World Zoonoses Day Celebrations. Also seen in the picture are (from left) Dr. L Ravikumar, General Secretary IVA Kerala, Dr. K. Udayavarman, President, IVA Kerala, and Sri Sajan Peter IAS Secretary, Govt. of Kerala



A view of the audience at Kanakakunnu Palace Hall

While inaugurating the function, the Minister lauded the services and activities of the Indian Veterinary Association in their awareness programmes on control of many zoonotic diseases. He called for the active involvement of local bodies in such efforts. He sought the help and cooperation of the doctors of the Department of Health Services.

Sri Sajan Peter IAS (Secretary, Dept. of Animal Husbandry, Govt. of Kerala) presented the key note address. He was also stressing on a combined front comprising Departments of Animal Husbandry, Health Services and Local

Administration to the effective control of zoonotic diseases. Dr K Udayavarman (President, Indian Veterinary Association, Kerala) presided over the meeting. Dr P P Vava (Director, Department of Animal Husbandry), Dr Joseph Scaria (President, Animal Husbandry Officers' Association), Dr Jamaludeen (President, Kerala Veterinary Surgeons' Service Association), and Dr Mabel Legori (Indian Medical Association) offered felicitations. Dr L Ravikumar (General Secretary, IVA) welcomed the gathering and Dr V A Anil Kumar (President, IVA Thiruvananthapuram District Unit) proposed the vote of thanks.

A seminar on "Integrated Approach in the Control of Zoonotic Diseases" followed the inaugural session. Dr Mabel Legori (former Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram) presented the paper on "Role of Modern Medicine in the Control of Zoonotic Diseases". The paper on "Role of Veterinary Medicine in the Control of Zoonoses" was presented by Dr M Krishnan Nair (former Director of Veterinary Research, Kerala Agricultural University). Dr Biju Soman (Programme Officer-Health, Total Sanitation & Health Mission, IEC Cell, Rural Development Department) presented the paper on "Role of Local Self Governments in the Control of Zoonoses". Dr P Balachandran (Editor, JIVA) acted as the moderator to the seminar.

## On Thinking Big...

Nikita S. Khrushchev went to his tailor with a bolt of expensive cloth especially woven for him. He asked the tailor to make up a three piece suit. After measuring the portly, vodka-guzzling red czar, the tailor said he would not have enough cloth for a vest. Khrushchev grumpily decided against ordering the suit and took the cloth with him on a visit to Belgrade. There he tried a Yugoslav tailor who measured him and found he could make a stylish suit including a vest. Khrushchev, puzzled, asked why the Russian tailor couldn't cut the cloth to make a vest. "In Moscow you are a bigger man than you are here," the Belgrade tailor replied.

Similarly, we all think we are bigger than we are. In our own establishments, each of us is secure and powerful; only when we move out do we come to know about our worth.