

Indian Veterinary Association, Kerala

New office bearers

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Activities

(January to May 2001)

FEST IN MIST: THE MYSTICAL EXTRAVAGANZA



Lovely Lakkidi with its scenic beauty and bounteous natural treasures welcomed the 700 and odd veterinarians who united as a single family for the 1st convention of the new millenium.

Far from the hustle and bustle of the everyday world the mystic touch of the Greeshmam resorts eased the tensions and soothed the minds of the young and old. The enchanting music and dance performed by the tribal folk transcended them into a new world of ecstasy.

The various cultural programmes brought to light the hidden talents of the Veterinarians. Moreover sight seeing trips were adventurous and meaningful. The cool gentle breeze amidst the mighty Ghats, the vibrant colours of the virgin rainforests, the mysterious Edakkal



caves dwelling into our past, the enigmatic Thirunelveli Temple, the revered Papanashine Springs, the fibrillating Meenmutty falls, all added to the magic touch. IVA General Secretary Dr. A.K. Rafeek welcomed the gathering and Dr. Robin D Culas, Secretary Trivandram unit proposed the vote of Thanks. Annual Convention was inaugurated by Sri.P.T.Gopalakurup, Chairman, State Co-operative Milk marketing federation. Director of Animal Husbandry Dr. G. Sudevan, Professor N.S.Ramaswami, Dr. Joseph Scaria and Dr. B.Aravind spoke on the occasion Dr.P.Balachandran presided over the meeting Dr. K.G.Suma welcomed the gathering and Dr.N.Mohanan proposed vote of thanks. Closing ceremony was inaugurated by Sri. K.Muraleedharan M.P. Seminar on the topic 'Role of Veterinarians in Livestock production' was arranged, Professor N.S.Ramaswami, Cartman, Bangalore lead the session.

The beautiful nature and mystifying Wayanad left a last-



ing impression in the minds of all who attended the the annual convention.

NEW OFFICE BEARERS SWORN IN

New office bearers of Indian Veterinary Association took oath of office



at a simple function held on 14th January 2001 at Veterinarians Building Trivandrum. Past IVA President Dr. P. Balachandran installed

the new president Dr. Rabekka Thomas, General Secretary Dr. A.K. Rafeek and other central officebearers. Dr. Balachandran released the IVA Diary 2001.

Director of Animal Husbandry Dr. G. Sudevan addressed the gathering. Dr. Udayavarman and Dr. Harsha Kumar were among those who spoke on the occasion.

FROM PRESIDENT'S DESK



IVA President Dr. Rabekka Thomas appealed all veterinarians to unite together to face the emerging challenges. She suggested

that the spirit of interface needs to be transmitted to all veterinarians at the district level and to work hard for the better future.

FARM JOURNALISM AWARDS PRESENTED

IVA Farm journalism Awards were presented on 11th February 2001 to the persons who contributed significantly to Animal Husbandry and Animal welfare sector. Hon. minister for Animal Husbandry and Dairying. Sri. E. Chandra Sekharan Nair distributed the awards at a colourful function held at Veterinarian's Building, Trivandrum. While speaking on the occasion Minister has stressed the urgency of farmers access to



the latest farm technology to meet the new challenges. Sri. R.T. Ravi Varma (Seeri), Editor in charge of 'Karshakasree' (Malayala Manorama)

was the guest of honour. Director of Animal husbandry Dr. G. Sudevan delivered the keynote address. President, IVA, Kerala, Dr. Rabekka Thomas presided over the function. Dr. K.V. Sukumaran (president AHOAK) and Dr. Giridhar (Gen. Secretary KVSSA) offered felicitations.

FARM JOURNALISM AWARD WINNERS 2000

Editori Chief editor, Kerala Karshakan, FIB Kerala

Reporting : 1st Mr: M.K. Vinod Kumar - Reporter, Mathrubhumi Daily - Trichur

2nd Mr. N. Ansal - Chandrika Daily, Kannur

Photo journalism : 1st Mr. Dominic Sebastian, Deepika Daily

2nd Dr. P.V. Mohanan, Vety surgeon, Kannur

Feature : 1st Dr. C.K. Shaju, Veterinary surgeon.

2nd Dr. Haroon Abdul Rasheed, Vety Surgeon.

Media Article : 1st Dr. R. Vijaya Kumar, Addl. Director AH, Tvm.

2nd Dr. N. Sukesan, Senior Vety Surgeon, Tvm.

LEGAL BATTLE IS ON.....

Hon. High Court of Kerala admitted veterinarians plea for parity as per central pay commission report. On 12th January 2001 Court observed hearing and found that there is a cause prima facie to admit the case. Moreover Court ordered to send notices to all authorities concerned so as to get reply within eight weeks. Legal cell



request co-operation from all the veterinarians in this regard.

EARTH QUAKE RELIEF FUND

The devastating earthquake that rocked Gujarat recently killing thousands and rendering destitutes several lakhs, is indeed a national tragedy. IVA Central executive committee appealed the members to contribute one-day salary towards earth-quake relief fund.

STATE LEVEL QUAIL SEMINAR HELD AT THRISSUR

A state level seminar on Quail management was held at Model Girls High School, Thrissur on 18-02-01 with the joint venture of Indian veterinary Association, Thrissur 'Kada' Society and Kerala chapter of Indian poultry Association. Hon: Minister for Agriculture Sri. Krishnan Kaniyamparambil inaugurated the seminar. District panchayat president smt. Visalakshy teacher presided over the function. Sri. V.V. Raghavan MP, Thrissur Mayor Sri. Jose Kattookkaran and IVA General Secretary Dr. A.K. Rafeek offered felicitations. 450 farmers participated in the seminar. Dr. A.K.K.Unni, Retired Professor and Head of the department of Poultry science, Veterinary College, Mannuthy lead the seminar. Dr.N. Sasidharan welcomed the gathering and Dr. Benjamin proposed vote of thanks.

POOKODE VETERINARY COLLEGE CONSTRUCTION

The construction works of Pookode veterinary college is affected badly due to the indiscriminate financial management of the kerala agricultural university. According to reliable sources, it is learnt that state animal husbandry department has given 7.5 crore rupees to KAU from 1996-2001 for the construction purpose alone. Of which only 2.04 crores had been paid to the contractors. Eventhough One more crore is needed to settle the accounts up to February 2001, due to the financial crisis university authorities have diverted the balance amount to some other purpose.

Two batches of students of pookode veterinary

college are studying at college of veterinary and animal sciences, Mannuthy. Admission of third batch will start within three months. As per Veterinary council norms pookode Veterinary College should function in the new campus at the earliest. Any laxity in this regard will affect the recognition of the college from veterinary council of India and thereby the career future of veterinary graduates.

Central executive of Indian veterinary association expressed concern over the undue delay from KAU authorities in completing the construction works of pookode veterinary college. They urged the authorities to correct the anomalies if any in this regard and should make necessary steps to speed up the construction works so as to function the college within the pookode campus at the earliest.

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ANIMAL HUSBANDRY INFORMATION SYSTEM NEEDS TO BE STRENGTHENED

Recent studies revealed that Malayalam dailies are providing only less than 25% space of the farm pages for publishing animal husbandry information. When compared to this sector's contribution to state GDP, the coverage is comparatively meagre. To improve this situation, veterinarians should take more interest in reporting animal husbandry information through various farm columns in the form of news articles, features, success stories, illustrations, etc.

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ATTACK ON WYNAD VETS: IVA PROTESTED

Indian Veterinary association protested against the anti socials who attacked the Veterinarians on 22nd March 2001 at Valliyoorkavu. While Veterinarians of Wynadu district were actively involved in or-





ganising the Animal Husbandry Department stall at Valliyoor kavu festival trade, all on a sudden, without any provocation, a group of locals

attacked and obstructed the work. IVA timely protested against this incident and demanded immediate arrest of the criminals. On 22nd March, a protest rally and public meeting was organised at Mananthavady and Kalpetta in association with various service organisations. As a result on the next day evening the culprits were arrested.

WORLD WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

As per the directions of the IVA state executive committee, the "World Women's Day" was celebrated as "Lady Veterinarian's Day" on 8th March 2001.

In a glittering function held at Hotel Aiswarya International, Kottayam. District Panchayat President Smt. Ithika Subhash was the chief guest. She congratulated IVA for selecting the day as lady Veterinarian's day by giving due respect and recognition to women. Smt. P. Vani renowned short story writer Dr. Gokula Nathan Nair (DAHO) and Dr. B. Santhosh Kumar offered felicitations. Dr. Mariya Lisa Mathew welcomed the gathering and Dr. Binoy P. Mathew proposed vote of thanks. Various entertainment programmes were held.

At Palakkad a lady vet forum was inaugurated on the world women's day. The forum was inaugurated by Smt. V.P. Indira Devi, Addl. Muncif, Palakkad at Hotel Indraprastha. Dr. P. V. Ashraf, President IVA Palaghat district presided over the meeting and Dr. B. Biju welcomed the gathering. It was followed by a class on the topic "Human Relations" lead by Sri. Premnath, JC trainee.

Idukki Dist- Lady vet's Day was celebrated at Thodupuzha and Kattapana on 8th March 2001. IVA Idukki district unit arranged a family get together. Flower arrangement and variety entertainments for the

family members, a class on cooking and preparation of foods by Smt. Sally Jose added colour and taste to the programme.

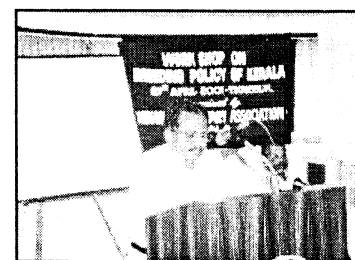
WORKSHOP ON BREEDING POLICY HELD AT THRISSUR

Indian Veterinary Association organised a state



level workshop on breeding policy with the co-operation of Animal Husbandry Department, Kerala Livestock Development Board, Milma and College of

Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Mannuthy to formulate the needed recommendations for the forthcoming breeding policy. It was held at City Food Court, Thrissur on 21st April 2001. Dr. G. Sudevan, Director of Animal Husbandry inaugurated the workshop. President IVA (Kerala) Dr. Rabekka Thomas presided over the function. IVA General Secretary Dr. A.K. Rafeek welcomed the gathering and Thrissur IVA unit President Dr. C.P. Gopakumar proposed vote of thanks. Several scientific papers were presented in the workshop. Among those who presented include, Managing Director of KLDB Dr. Sasikumar, Manager Dr. G. Kishore, Additional Director of Animal Husbandry Department Dr. Udayavarman, Dr. V.S. Venugopal (Manager, KCMF) and Dr. Stephen Mathew (Associate Professor, AB & G, KAU). Dr. P.G. Nair (Retired Dean, College of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Mannuthy) was the Moderator. About 80 Veterinarians from Animal Husbandry Department, Kerala Livestock Development board, Milma and Veterinary College participated in the workshop.



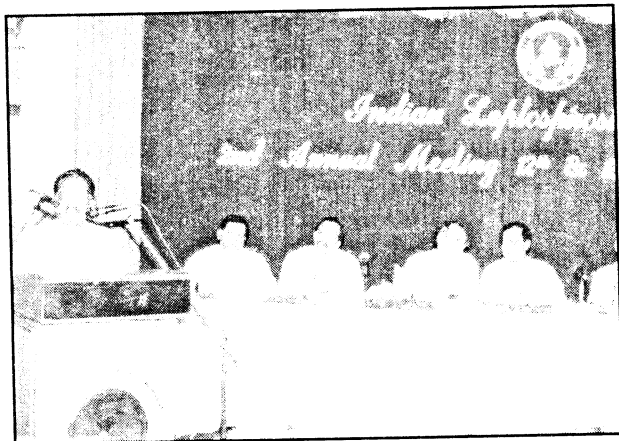
The workshop enabled to assess the existing



cattle Breeding Policy of the state and proposed series of recommendations. It will be placed before the expert committee constituted to formulate the Breeding Policy of the state so as to incorporate the same in the forthcoming Breeding Policy 2002.

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON LEPTOSPIROSIS

As part of the 2nd Annual Conference of Indian leptospirosis society, a national level seminar on lept-



ospirosis was held at hotel Renaissance, Kochi on 12th and 13th May 2001. 150 delegates including 30 veterinarians from different parts of the country participated in the seminar. 52 scientific papers pertaining to leptospirosis in the areas of epidemiology, clinical signs, diagnosis, treatment and research were presented. Seminar discussed the measures needed to control leptospirosis and the recent research findings. Director of Animal Husbandry department Dr. G. Sudevan addressed the gathering. Dr. M. R. Saseendhranath, Dr. P.C. Alex and Dr. Rajasekhar were among the few veterinarians who presented scientific papers in the seminar.

With the onset of monsoon leptospirosis is emerging as a major health threat in the state. Rapid urbanisation with poor sanitation, lack of awareness among the public and the professionals has contributed to the disease. Veterinary research priorities in leptospirosis gains most importance by the fact that domestic animals, wild life and rodents are predominant leptospira reservoir hosts directly or indirectly responsible for human infections. There is reason to believe that leptospirosis could be the cause of still births and abortion in animals particularly in cattle and definitely one among the important contributory factors of bovine mastitis.

Even dogs and cats are acting as carriers of infection. Epidemiological investigations on natural reservoir hosts with special reference to rodents should be carried out. Veterinarians can play a key role in the diagnosis of leptospirosis. Suspected cases clinical manifestation in animals' need to subjected detailed serological tests to investigate the disease.

DOG SHOW HELD AT KANNUR

Under the auspices of Indian Veterinary Association, Kannur unit and Kannur Kennel Club, a Dog show was held at Police grounds, Kannur on 20th May 2001. 82 dogs comprising of 20 breeds were exhibited in the show.

Kannur municipal chairperson Smt. T.K. Noorunnisa inaugurated the show. IVA General Secretary Dr. A.K. Rafeek presided over the function. Organising committee chairman Dr. K. Sethumadhavan, Kennel Club President Dr. M. Gangadharan Nair, IVA district unit president Dr. T. V. Unnikrishnan and Dr. M.P.Sujan offered felicitations. District animal husbandry officer Dr. B. Purushothaman Nair distributed prizes to the winners. Rokhi of Vilvex kennel, Thrissur and Sheeba of Payyambalam Swasthika – both German Shepherd dogs won the champion and obedience prize respectively.

ERNAKULAM UNIT HOSTED THE MIDDLE ZONE VETFEST-2001

State level cultural meet of the veterinarians of middle zone -VETFEST2001 was held at YMCA Campus, Thottumugham, Aluva on 5th May 2001. Ernakulam District IVA unit organised the programme with the participation from Alleppy, Thrissur and Idukki district units.

Dr.K.C.Vijayan, District Animal Husbandry Officer, Ernakulam district inaugurated the programme. IVA state president Dr. Rebekka Thomas presided over the function. General secretary Dr. A.K.Rafeek welcomed the gathering and District unit president Dr. Jose Mathew expressed vote of thanks.

54 veterinarians and their family members including children, totaling 154 members participated in the programme. The orchestra conducted by Dr. K.J. James & party really enriched the programme. Sri. Kollam Thulasi, the famous film artist was the chief guest in the valedictory function and he gave away the prizes.