

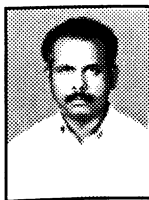


So far and what next?

The tenure of another Director of Animal Husbandry ends on the 30th of September 2002. Years back Directors got sufficient period to plan and implement innovative ideas. Those among us who have put in over 10 years of service will recollect that in our early years of service we have never witnessed as well as never allowed external forces to take to their hands the powers of the Director. But then came an era of very short tenured Directors about which we were dissatisfied and opined that such short tenure was not in good interest of Animal Husbandry Department. We looked forward for an era wherein Directors with sufficiently long tenure took the reins. In the immediate past we have had Directors who got a reasonably long tenure at the helm. But what we see and experience today is that external forces have a hay day in the administration and activities of AHD. The state of affairs have deteriorated to such an extent, that the heads of Corporations openly claim that they will take over various institutions and activities of AHD. Even the post of Director is at threat. These things are just inevitable when the hands and mouth are tied up, unable to hold head up and drowned to nose tip in misdeeds.

We are all at fault. It is easy to put the blame on others. Let us sincerely judge ourselves. How many of us manage properly our individual institutions with just 3 or 4 staff of which we are the head? How many of us acknowledge the duties and functions of our subordinates and make them or allow them do their duties? How many of us bestow care and attention to discharge our responsibilities, duties and functions as expected of us? How do we behave to our staff, farmers and public? We may have many reasons to defend our inabilities or shortfalls. But these reasons will not save us and looking up for help will bear no fruit. Only sincere dedicated action from our part will save us. Change should initiate from grass root level and from us. Our attitudes and outlook have to change.

Finding fault at higher levels without discharging our duties and responsibilities will do our cause no good. Same is the case of our Association activities. Just finding fault with the victims forced to shoulder the leadership will do no good for our organizations. I do acknowledge the fact that once one has accepted to shoulder the leadership he should live up to the aspirations and expectations of the members and put sincere earnest effort to discharge his duties to the best of his abilities and in the good interest of the members, the Association and the Profession. The playground and the ground support will naturally influence the performance of the players. Bootlicking is not the solution. Let us not get carried away by these black sheep within us. It is high time we identify and isolate them and save our association from their influence failing which our association will not be able to stand against the wrong deeds of the administration and encroachment of external forces who are determined to destroy the Animal Husbandry Department and our Profession.



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General Secretary, IVA

District Activities

Trivandrum: Indian Veterinary Association, Kerala (Trivandrum Unit) conducted a 'SEMINAR ON ANAESTHESIA IN VETERINARY PRACTICE' at Dr. G. Nirmalan Hall, Veterinarians building, Trivandrum on September 5th 2002 as a part of the CONTINUING VETERINARY EDUCATION PROGRAMME. The sessions were handled by Dr. V. Ramakumar, Retd Professor of Surgery & Ex - Secretary of Veterinary Council of India, and Dr. Annie Varghese, Veterinary Surgeon, of District Veterinary Centre, Trivandrum. The unit joined hands with the state chapter in the demonstration and dharna related to transfer of IPD block to KSPDC held on 20/9 & 23/9 at IPD block and Directorate respectively.

Alapuzha: The unit in association with KVSSA and AHOAK organized a programme related to the implementation of Tenth Plan schemes, possible problems, and remedial measures by distributing a questionnaire to all the field level officers and analyzing them in the presence of the Deputy Director, Local fund. Dr. N.N. Sasi, Additional Director (Plg) experts in planning detailed the objectives and methodology to be adapted for the implementation of the Tenth plan. Dr. Chandramohan, unit president presided over the function. A lecture on the Relevance of clinical diagnosis at the field level was delivered by Dr. N. Divakaran Nair, Associate Professor, Dept. of Pathology, COVAS, Mannuthy.

Thrissur: IVA, KVSSA and AHOAK organised a class on 'Homeopathic treatments applicable to veterinary practice' on 3-09-02 at Royal Hall, Thrissur. Dr. P.K. Naveen, Jt. Director (Retd.) took the session.

Veterinarians Club, Chalakkudy arranged to conduct a class on "Empirical Veterinary Medicine" by Dr. P.O. George Prof. (Retd.) on 27-10-02 at Chalakkudy.



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probably, as this is a compilation from hastayurveda, done during the days of early Maratta Kings. Language is simple and clear. The subject is arranged in smaller topics. There are 701 slokas and 10 prakaranas.

Apart from these, there are several unpublished texts on hastayurveda. Hastayurveda was practiced in Kerala since ancient times and there are some contributions to the subject. Matangalila a book on the hastayurveda contains 234 slokas in 12 patalas. More stress is given in the capture, selection and breeding of elephant. Illness and treatment are not dealt in detail.

Practice of Hastayurveda is still alive in Kerala though limited to some vaidyas. Avana Parambu - Maheswaran Namputhiri (Vadakkanchery, Thrissur District) and Vakkayil Rama Kaimal (Thalayolaparampu, Kottayam District) are some of the leading practitioners in the field.

