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POOKOT VETERINARY COLLEGE INAUGURATED

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At the gateway to Wayanad, amongst the hills of
Lakkidi, stands a new landmark – a testimony of



the efforts of the Veterinary fraternity. As one
traverses the national highway from Kozhikode to
Mysore just two kilometers before Vythiri town lies
the College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences,
Pookot, nestled amongst some of the highest hills



of Wayanad, and surrounded by nature in all her
grandeur. The college is located amidst the misty
cerulean clad hills and with a view that transcends
all human imagination.

Wayanad district, literally the land of paddy
fields (Vayal nadu) is the spice scented dairy
district of Kerala located 76 kilometers from the
shores of Kozhikode.

The College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences,
Pookot had its modest beginnings when the
Government of Kerala earmarked 100 acres of land
in the erstwhile Pookot Dairy Project in
Kunnathuedavaka village of Vythiri taluk way back
in August 1998. The college began functioning at
Mannuthy with the late Dr K.M. Ramachandran at

the helm. Subsequent to the unfortunate demise of Dr
K M Ramachandran, Dr S Sulochana took charge. Dr
P P Balakrishnan was assigned the post of Special
officer from 10.10.2000 and is now the Associate Dean
of the College. Students were admitted to the B.V.Sc
and A.H. course from 1999 and classes were held at
Mannuthy.

Dr P.P. Balakrishnan, took charge of COVAS Pookot
as Special Officer in October 2000. His unstinted efforts
at the helm of affairs saw the transformation of this
institution from a single room facility in Mannuthy to a
full fledge institution of national standing. With the
inauguration of the college, he has been re-designated
as Associate Dean. The college is striving forward into
the realms of perfection under his leadership.



The Hon Chief Minister of Kerala Sri Oomen
Chandy on 11.12.2004 formally inaugurated the new
buildings at Pookot. Subsequent to this nineteen
assistant professors were appointed. Students of
second and third year B.V. Sc were shifted from
Mannuthy to Pookot. Today the college had 13 fully
functional departments imparting undergraduate
veterinary education to four batches of students. The
first batch of students passed out in August 2005.
The undergraduate laboratories have been fully
equipped to VCI standards and the library with around
2500 titles is fully functional. The clinical complex is
nearing completion. The instructional farm attached
to the college is located 2 kilometers away from the
academic block at Sugandhagiri. Students of the



college are housed in the Ladies hostel and men's
hostel.