

Sign Post & Achievements

Dr. Verghese Kurien - First Chancellor of Alahabad University

Dr. Verghese Kurien, former Chairman, National Dairy Development Board, has been appointed as the first chancellor of the University of Allahabad after restoration of its Central University status.



Dr. Verghese Kurien is the doyen of the 'White Revolution' in the country. The Kurien era started after he took over the reins of the Kaira District Cooperative Milk Union of Gujarat, the producer of AMUL brand of milk products. Under his initiative a series of milk cooperative institutions were set up with Anand as the main centre. In 1965, he became the founder Chairman of national Dairy Development Board and served it for 33 long years. Dr. Kurien established the Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation, which is the forerunner of the chain of Mother Dairies in the country.

Apart from his initiatives in the dairy sector, he established the Institute of Rural management, Anand, an institute for business administration, to create rural managers to run the cooperatives and the agro-based industries. Now, IRMA is one of the leading institutes in the country to offer courses in business administration.

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Dr M.R. Saseendranath, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine has been awarded the "Bharat Ratna Dr C.Subramaniam" award for outstanding teachers of SAU's and ICAR institutions for 2004-2005. The award carries, Rs 50,000/-, a citation and a certificate. Dr M.R. Saseendranath started his career in Kerala Agricultural University in 1977 and has held a wide array of positions in various stations of the University. He has guided 31 postgraduate students of different disciplines in the veterinary faculty including 2 doctoral students. As part of extension work he has arranged over 125 farmers classes and vaccination camps, all over Kerala. He has successfully completed one NATP project on



'Weather based animal disease forecasts'. He was selected from the Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences in 2003 for the best teacher award instituted by Kerala Agricultural University.

Dr. K.G. Suma, Additional Director (Planning), Project Coordinator, ADCP and former President, KSVC has won the Veterinary Council of India election. Election of Veterinary Council of India was held on 31st August 2006. Dr. K.G. Suma, was the only candidate



contesting from Kerala. Total 45 candidates contested and 10 others were also elected. Dr. K.G. Suma has thanked the veterinarians of Kerala for electing her to VCI. Congrats Dr. K.G. Suma.

Dr. Ani. S. Das, Managing Director of KLDB has been awarded J.C. Ratna Award 2006 for his excellence in Govt. service by J.C.I., Pooram City, Thrissur. He has recently attended Dairy Event 2006 from 19th to 21st

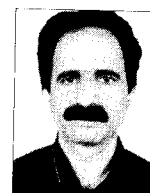


September held at Birmingham, U.K. It is the biggest Dairy event in Europe. Dr. Ani. S. Das was part of the four member team sent by British high Commission in India. Breeders, Scientists, farmers from all over the globe attended the exhibition.

Dr. V. Sunilkumar has taken charge as Managing Director of Kerala State Poultry Development Corporation on 19th October 2006. He was working as Assistant Director in Department of Animal Husbandry and the Government considered his vibrant performance in changing the face of Buffalo Breeding Farm located at Kuriottumala in Kollam as superintendent. He is also the State General Secretary of Kerala Gazetted Officers Federation. (KGOF). Congrats Dr. v. Sunilkumar.



Dr. P. V. Mohanan, took charge as Managing Director of Managing Director of Meat Products of Indian from 1st November. He was working as Lecturer of Extension training center, Taliparamba, Kannur. He recently presented a paper on "Treatment and control of diseases in animals in organic production in the first international conference of International Federation for Organic Agricultural Movement (IFOAM) conducted at Minnesota University, USA. He is a 1984 batch



graduate of COVAS, Mannuthy. He also received the Karshakamithra award for the best developmental officer in the state for the year 2003-04. He is the first veterinarian to get this award. He is the first veterinarian to get this award. Award comprises of Rs. 25,000/-, gold medal, shield and certificate. Award was given by the minister for Agriculture in a function chaired by chief minister at Thiruvananthapuram in connection with inauguration of farmer's day. Award was given for his work in promoting goat farming in the state, Animal husbandry extension activities and for the work done to promote ethnic vet. Practice in the state. He had won farm journalism award 3 times and govt. of Kerala awarded him good service entry 2 times. He had also won outstanding young Indian award by the Jaycees. Now he associate with Livestock environment and development (Lead) and organisation of FAO. He is a good photographer, having a collection of photographs in the field of Animal husbandry.

Dr. T.V. Anilkumar has been nominated as a member of the national Academy of Sciences (India), Allahabad. He is the first veterinarian in the state to gain the membership of the oldest and prestigious national sciences in India. Dr. Anilkumar belongs to the 1978-BVSc-batch of the College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Mannuthy. He completed MVSc. (Pathology) under Prof. A. Rajan and went to UK for further studies. There, he earned MSc (Toxicology) and PhD of the University of London. He is a Chartered Biologist and member of the Institute of Biology in England. He is also a fellow of the national Academy of veterinary Sciences (India) and Society of Toxicology (India). Dr. Anilkumar taught several years in Kerala Agricultural University and currently working as a Scientist (Veterinary pathology) at Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Trivandrum. Recently he established an Experimental Pathology Laboratory and Confocal Microscopy Laboratory in this institute. Dr. T. V. Anilkumar is married to Dr. Rani M. Thomas (Assistant Director, Dept. of AH working at Trivandrum).



Dr. Sangeetha Vijayasree and Colleagues at Genprobe, USA was conferred US President's award for making blood transfusion safe by developing cutting edge molecular diagnosis tools. They have issued the US patent 6942855132 for viral vectors having reduced virulence. The present invention provides recombinant vaccinia virus having a deletion

of the region encoding the C-terminal serum amino acids of E3L gene product and comprising exogenous DNA. Dr. Sangeetha is a 1988 Batch B. V. Sc. & A.H. graduate of COVAS, Mannuthy. She did her post-graduation in Microbiology from the same college itself.

Dr. Annie Varghese, veterinary surgeon, District Veterinary Center, Thiruvananthapuram, has successfully completed a course in "Canine Behaviour and Training". "Canine Can Care", Mumbai, which is managed by Mrs. Shirin Merchant, and is affiliated, offers this course in India to 'The Northern Center for Animal Behaviour' and 'The Pet Behaviour Institute' in England. The course covers canine behavior, behavioral problems and a study of assistance dog training. A competent veterinarian and surgeon Dr. Annie is a postgraduate in surgery.

Dr. M. C. Rejil was awarded the Golden Medal for his research on "mitigation of methane emission from ruminants by dietary supplementation of fenugreek seeds", by NDRI, Karnal where he did his MVSc in the year 2003-05. Dr. Rejil is a 1997 batch graduate from Thrissur district and is now working as veterinary surgeon SLBP, Circle III, Palakkad.

Dr. Sachin J. Shenoy has joined as Scientist C (In vivo Evaluation of Medical Devices) at Division of In vivo Models & Testing, Biomedical Technology Wing, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology, Poojapura, Thiruvananthapuram. A graduate of 1995 batch from College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Mannuthy, he did his post graduation in Veterinary Surgery from the same institution. SCIMST already has three vets working on a permanent basis. This is a recognition of contribution of vets to bio medical technology and research.

Dr. Suman S.P., a 1993 batch COVAS graduate and a native of Trivandrum has been appointed as Assistant Professor in the Department of Animal & Food Sciences, University of Kentucky, USA. Dr. Suman took his Masters in Livestock Products Technology from IVRI, India and M.S. and Ph.D. from University of Connecticut, USA in Meat Science. Dr. Suman was a finalist for the International Meat Secretariat Prize and was the only representative from the United States.