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With immense pride pleasure, let us present before you the latest edition of the 'KVASU NEWS', the official news bulletin of the Kerala Veterinary & Animal Sciences University, encompassing the achievements and report of activities of the University from 1st July to 30th September 2025. As you are already aware, KVASU is committed to serve the nation through various interventions in the academic, research, technology generation, transfer and capacity building in the sector and empowering various players and stakeholders involved in animal oriented activities and healthcare and management in the State. The present volume of the 'KVASU NEWS' focus on the dissemination of report of activities undertaken by KVASU during this period as above which had imposed its footprints in the development of the sector and which have paved way for development in the sector. KVASU has intervened in the society through fostering the livestock and poultry production, supporting the scientific management of large and small animal production, companion animal and bird management. KVASU also undertook various activities through interventions in veterinary public health safeguarding the health of common public and avoiding disease of zoonotic importance and safeguarding the life, livelihood and economic status of them.

I may take this opportunity to sincerely appreciate the editorial committee of KVASU NEWS, including Dr. Ajith K. S., Dr. Justin Davis, Dr. Anu George, Smt Delma, Smt. Sreeshma and their sincere effort in publishing the newsletter. I may place on record our sincere gratitude to Prof (Dr.) Anil.K.S., Hon.Vice Chancellor (i/c), KVASU, members of the statutory bodies, Officers and heads of the university, colleges, stations and institutions under KVASU for their sincere support and guidance.

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ABOUT KVASU

The KVASU came into existence on 14th June, 2010, as per Ordinance number 44/2010 and later Act 3/2011 of the Government of Kerala. The University is the realisation of the dream of the genuine pursuit of many individuals who worked for this cause since the mid-nineties. The establishment is also the result of the recognition of the need to advance animal production sector activities and to widen the arena of academic opportunities, applied research and entrepreneurship in the field of animal health, production and allied subjects.

The University is a grant-in-aid funded University with headquarters at Pookode, Wayanad, and the powers of the University are vested in its authorities –the Management Council and the Board of Management.

VISION

The University aspires to be recognised nationally and internationally as the University of choice, in fostering meritorious/ renowned Veterinarians and Dairy/ Food technologists by entrenching a strong research and work culture at the University.

The University aims to

- Promote sustainable and profitable animal production systems
- Provide quality animal health care
- Assure food security of the state
- Disseminate modern scientific knowledge and skill sets
- Foster professionalism in animal welfare
- Help the government modify/ formulate policies based on scientific information and data

MISSION

Milk, meat and eggs, the trio of animal production invariably becomes the future of agriculture in the state of Kerala. In this context, it is highly crucial to pave way for a smooth hassle free environment for promoting animal husbandry and ensuring the best outcome in terms of profit to the farming community. The University undertakes various activities aiming at equitable development and sustainable animal production through

- Scientific breeding and production of superior quality livestock and germplasm
- Model livestock and poultry enterprises and integrated farming systems
- Cost-effective interventions in feeds and feeding
- State-of-the-art hospitals, accredited laboratories, advanced diagnostics and superior vaccines for better diagnosis, treatment and control of animal diseases, food-borne diseases and management of infertility
- Production and evaluation of value-added formularies and its marketing
- Internationally competent graduates and professionals who can foster and promote veterinary, animal science and dairy research
- Control and prevention of zoonotic diseases
- Strategies and technologies for effective animal waste management
- Conservation and utilization of domestic and wild animal biodiversity

DEVELOPMENT:

During the last ten years the University has carried out pioneering work in the areas of academics, research, entrepreneurship and allied activities.

In addition to nurturing the two existing faculties namely Veterinary Science and Dairy Technology, the University initiated the Faculty of Poultry Science also to promote the education and enterprise in the Poultry sector. Presently there are eight constituent colleges and an Academic Staff College undertaking academic, research and extension activities. This is yet another leap from just three colleges in 2010. Moreover with just less than 600 students in 2010, the University has shown impressive growth by enhancing student opportunity to around 3000 students at present with an annual intake of 600 students in a portfolio of 40 different academic programmes including distant learning programmes.

The University has attracted and invested in more than Rs.400 crores during the past one decade in infrastructure leading to a rapid and tremendous institutional development. State of the art buildings such as the Dr. K. R. Narayanan Teaching Veterinary Clinical Complex and the Dr. Verghese Kurien Institute of Dairy and Food Technology stand high among them.

The University has explored productive academic and training collaborations with reputed academic institutions in India and abroad, most notably, University of Edinburgh, University of Western Australia, University of Connecticut, University of Minnesota, Indian

Council for Agricultural Research, etc..

Another most satisfying and rewarding achievement during this decade was the recruitment of Assistant Professors undertaken in the long persistent vacancies in various faculties, thereby leading to the enrolment of more than 110 Assistant Professors across thirty different disciplines. It is worth-mentioning that recruitment of more Assistant Professors and promotions of faculty is being implemented on a regular basis paving way to faculty strength. Deputation of faculty for faculty development programmes, orientation and refresher courses and management trainings have only enriched the knowledge and skill of our teachers.

It is remarkable to note that there are five NABL accredited laboratories in the University, which are equipped with high-tech facilities and high-end equipment, utilising the fund of EFC from the ICAR. The NABARD RIDF sponsored referral, analytical and diagnostic laboratory, an upcoming project of the University undoubtedly will be a jewel in the crown. University is extending its activities through various research stations, farms, schools and research and extension centres located at various parts of Kerala. Public is offered various services of the University through these facilities.

University has initiated the establishment of start-ups enabling students to proceed with their schemes. Teaching is focussed on a problem based learning approach rather than lecture centric, with stress on market driven education and skill development courses.

The University runs a scientific publication 'Journal of

Veterinary and Animal Sciences' which is publishing original research articles in the field of veterinary and animal sciences and dairy technology. University is proud to acknowledge that the journal is improving its ranking and rating by various agencies year after year.

In its pursuit to a world class university, KVASU has bagged Kerala Governor's Emerging Young University consecutively for three times (2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19) and ICAR award for highest number of scholarships awarded to students. This marks major milestones in path of this young university.

MANDATE:

To impart quality education in Veterinary Science, Dairy Technology, Poultry Science and other related subjects with advanced learning and to contribute quality human resource to the Government, industry and academic sectors.

To conduct quality research leading to excellence in the areas of Veterinary Sciences, Dairy Technology, Poultry Sciences and allied subjects producing effective deliverables for enhancing the growth and augmentation of the sectors connected.

To disseminate efficient and innovative technologies for socio economic transformation and expansion

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HEAD QUARTERS:

The University is located at Pookode, 60 kilometres away from Kozhikkode, a picturesque hilltop in the District of Wayanad on the side of NH-766 on the Kozhikkode -Mysore route in a campus spreading over an area of 100 acres.

Mind Matters: Look, Listen & Mind Awareness Training Program

The Directorate of Entrepreneurship and the Directorate of Students Welfare jointly organized a training program for university teachers at the Mannuthi campus of the Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University. Dr. Dave Augustine Akkara (MBBS, MD), Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Jubilee Mission Medical College and Research Centre, led the session. Dr. Akkara shared valuable insights on recognizing the early signs

of mental stress, ways to listen and understand effectively, and ways to provide appropriate support and guidance to those in need. He also added the importance of creating a supportive environment to promote mental resilience in academic settings. The session saw active participation of faculty members. Such offline sessions for the mental well-being of students are also being held at various campuses of the university.

Technical approval to the Global Farm Platform (GFP)

The Global Farm Platform (GFP) has received technical approval from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. The approval was announced during the 80th anniversary celebrations of the Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome, Italy. The Global Farm Platform is a collaborative network of 19 research farms and 28 institutions from six continents, including the Thiruvazhamkunnu Livestock Research Station of the Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University. The conference acknowledged that GFP is integrating science and research to implement ideas that benefit farmers in a way that contributes to food security, sustainable development and the transition to agro-food production. Conceptually formed in 2012 at Thiruvazhamkunnu Farm and officially established

in 2014, this platform was established to effectively address the challenges facing the agricultural world in the 21st century, including climate change, population growth, biodiversity loss, and resource scarcity. The Silent Valley Farm Platform at Thiruvazhamkunnu Research Station is the only farm from India included in this network. Here, heat-tolerant breeds such as Vechur cows and Malabari-Attappadi s are being protected. The welfare of the animals and improved milk production have been ensured through the spray fan method called -Aasvaas- to reduce heat. Farmers in various farms in the state are following this method. This recognition is a great encouragement for GFP, which is working together to make big changes in global food security by focusing on universal health.

Inauguration of SCSP Project - 2025-26 and Seminar



The inauguration of the 2025-26 SCSP (Scheduled Caste Sub Plan) project and seminar organized by AICRP on Poultry Breeding, Mannuthy was held on Saturday, September 27, at the Puthur Grama Panchayat Hall. Panchayat President Mrs. Mini Unnikrishnan inaugurated the project. Standing Committee Chairperson (Development) Mrs. Nalini Viswambharan presided over the function. Dr. T. S. Rajeev, Director of Entrepreneurship inaugurated the seminar. Dr. C. Latha, Director of Academic s and Research, KVASU, briefed the details of the project, and Dr. M. R. Saseendranath, Former VC, KVASU and Patron, Karmapath vijnan Kendram, Thrissur delivered the keynote address. As part of the project, 100 selected SC beneficiaries received 10 chickens each with 10 kg of feed, a feeder, a drinker, and feed supplements. The distribution of inputs was carried out by Dr. Thirupathi, Director of Farms.

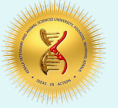
Dr. Beena C. Joseph, Senior Scientist at AICRP on Poultry Breeding, delivered the welcome address. Dr. Manoj C. Mathew, Senior Veterinary Surgeon, Mannamangalam Veterinary Hospital, proposed the vote of thanks. Former Director, Centre for Advanced Studies in Poultry Science, Dr. P. A. Peethambaran and Dr. Sumi Chandran, Veterinary Surgeon, Puthur Veterinary Dispensary, conveyed their felicitations. Classes were led by Dr. B. Ajith Babu (Retd. Joint Director, Animal Husbandry Department) and Dr. Stella Cyriac (Assistant Professor). The programme was organized by Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University with the cooperation of Puthur Grama Panchayat, Kerala State Animal Husbandry Department, and Karmapath Vijnan Kendram, Thrissur. Authorities informed that the project activities will continue in other panchayats across Thrissur district.

Hoof care in cattle-Training for veterinary doctors

The second phase of the training for veterinary doctors, jointly conducted by Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University and Kerala State Veterinary Council, has been completed in Mannuthi. The training, which was held at the Veterinary Hospital and the University Livestock Farm in Mannuthi, was related to hoof health care in cattle. Hoof care is a very important topic related to milk production. 10 doctors from the Animal

Husbandry Department and the Kerala Livestock Development Board participated in the training. The second phase of the expert training on the special topic 'Hoof Trimming' was led by the course director, Dr. Laiju M. Philip, (Assistant Professor, TVCC, Mannuthi), and the course coordinators, Dr. Soumya Ramankutty (Assistant Professor, College of Veterinary Science, Mannuthi) and Dr. Suraj Joseph Banglavan.





Seminar on Layer Farming under SCSP Scheme

A training session on Layer Farming was organized on 16th October 2025 under the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) 2025–26 by the AICRP on Poultry Breeding, Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (KVASU), in association with the Madakathara Panchayath Scheduled Caste Service Co-operative Society at Kallayi Unnathi, Madakathara Panchayath. Sri. Midhun Thiyyathparambil, Panchayath Member, inaugurated the seminar. Sri. Suresh Pulickan, President of the Society, presided over the function. Sri. Sathyan A. V., Vice President of the Society, delivered the

welcome address, and Sri. Ajin Chacko, Secretary, proposed the vote of thanks. Dr. Beena C. Joseph, Senior Scientist, AICRP on Poultry Breeding, and Dr. Stella Cyriac, Assistant Professor, led the technical sessions. Smt. Indira Mohan, President of Madakathara Panchayath, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. As part of the program, training kits and feed supplements were distributed to the participants. The session witnessed the participation of around 30 poultry farmers, who gained valuable insights into improved layer farming practices..



IEDC 2025-26 for the realization of innovative ideas



The inauguration of the new office bearers of the IEDC 2025-26 of the Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University was held at the VKIDFT Seminar Hall, Mannuthi. The Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centres or IEDCs are a project of the Kerala Startup Mission, which provides technical assistance to students to turn their research and experiments into enterprises. The program was inaugurated by Dr. T. S. Rajeev, Director, Department of Knowledge Entrepreneurship, University. The event was organized by the University's Technology Business Incubation Centre (TBIC) and was actively attended by 120 students. Dr. IEDC KVASU Nodal Officer Deepa Anant, Dean of Varghese Kurian Institute of Dairy and Food Technology Dr. Beena A.K. also spoke. A workshop on "Crafting and Pitching Innovative Ideas" was also held for students as part of the event. Assistant Professor, Startup Mentor and MSME Clinical Expert Sivaprakash C.S.P. led

the workshop. The new IEDC 25-26 Executive Members and IEDC 2024-25 Executive Committee Members selected from various KVASU campuses were felicitated at the event. Dr. Abin Joy was also felicitated at the event for developing a startup called Vet-IGO, a leading veterinary platform that promotes legal animal breeding, healthcare and welfare through advanced technology platforms. Kannan Ravi, who received the award for his youth-led startup, Nesture Feed LLP, revolutionizing sustainable pet nutrition, along with his team members Mohammed Abu Tahir K.P., Abhijith A.S., Shiva S., and Dona Maria C.J., were also felicitated as part of the ceremony. They developed bird feeds, Nesture Feather Mix and Nesture Crest Mix, from fruit and vegetable waste. In recognition of the contributions of the outgoing committee and the exemplary efforts of the new IEDC office bearers of the university, Dr. T.S. Rajeev and Dr. Beena A.K. presented them with awards and certificates.



Goat Farming- The Business of the Future'- Scientific Goat Breeding Training



Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University organized a scientific training in breeding titled 'Goat Farming- The Business of the Future.' Farmers from different parts of the state participated in the training held at Mannuthi Goat and Sheep Farm under the Veterinary University. The training program was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Bindu KA, Director, Center for Advanced Studies in Animal Genetics and Breeding. Dr. Lali F. Anand welcomed the participants and Binu Chandy, Senior Farm Supervisor, proposed the vote of thanks. Then, Goat Farm Head Dr. Prasad A. spoke to the trainees and explained the training. Dr. Prasad A and Dr. Lali F Anand conducted classes on housing, breeding, diet, and health care. Classes were also held on diseases, vaccines, and deworming. In addition, the trainees were shown how to milk cows using a machine on the farm, how to make manure from dung, and other practical methods of husbandry. Certificates were distributed to the trainees at the closing ceremony.

'Oppam' project: Chempatty students visit Wayanad Bird Festival



In collaboration with the 'Oppam' project of the Entrepreneurship Outreach Department of Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University and Chempatty Tribal Library, students from Chempatty visited the Wayanad Bird Festival. The children saw pictures of various birds, drew them and painted them on their own faces. As part of the 'Oppam' project activities, the children go bird watching and interact with the observers. Veterinary University Research Assistant Gypsa Jagadish, Teach for Nature Fellow Susruthan and Mini Gopalan were also with the children.

'Oppam' Project: Kerala Festival Winners CB Strikers felicitated by Veterinary University



football training as part of the 'Oppam' livelihood project. The Director of Knowledge Entrepreneurship Department, Dr. T. S. Rajeev felicitated the team members by presenting a plaque with the name of the university and a gold medal to coach Shahul Hameed. Associate Director of Entrepreneurship Dr. K. S. Ajith, Assistant Registrar Latha E.K., Section Officer Sariga C.M., Research Assistant Gypsa Jagadish and others were present at the function.

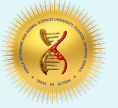
The Department of Knowledge Entrepreneurship of Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University felicitated the CB Strikers Chempatty, who won the Kerala Festival in Vythiri Panchayat. They started participating in various tournaments following the ongoing function.

Age does not matter; Folk songs can be practiced



In collaboration with the 'Oppam' project of the Entrepreneurship Education Department of Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University and the Chempatti Tribal Library, folk song training has started at the Chempatti Library. The training started at the Chempatti Tribal Library as part

of the Diamond Jubilee Fellowship implemented by the Kerala Government's Cultural Department and the Kalpetta Block Panchayat. The training program is led by folk song trainer Diya VK. The training is free of charge regardless of age. Balavedi President Archana Chandran, Balavedi Secretary Krishnapriya, Veterinary University Research Assistant Gypsa Jagadish, and Teach for Nature Fellow Susruthan also participated in the first training program, in which 15 students participated.



VKIDFT conducts training for food processing professionals.



The Department of Dairy Engineering, Varghese Kurien Institute of Dairy and Food Technology (VKIDFT), Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, successfully concluded a week-long offline ATAL Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on 'Dairy and Food Processing: Technologies, Management and Sustainable Practices' under the aegis of AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy, New Delhi. The objective of the programme was to enhance the technical capabilities of faculty members, researchers and professionals in the rapidly developing dairy and food processing sector. On the first day, KVASU Registrar Dr. P. Sudhir Babu formally inaugurated the programme. The

programme consisted of expert lectures, practical training sessions, case studies and interactive discussions. Experts from academic, research and industrial institutions including KVASU, KAU, Milma and Aromitalia India addressed sessions on contemporary topics such as advanced processing techniques, quality assurance, supply chain logistics and sustainable production methods. The closing ceremony was presided over by Dr. A. K. Beena, Dean, VKIDFT. Dr. Rajeev T. S., Director, Knowledge Entrepreneurship, KVASU, inspired the professionals to utilize the insights gained from the event for academic and industrial advancement.

“Fuelling the Fire Within”- Student Induction Programme -VKIDFT Mannuthy

Directorate of Entrepreneurship, Directorate of Students Welfare in association with Academic cell of VKIDFT Mannuthy jointly organized Student Induction Programme at VKIDFT, Mannuthy a motivational session titled “Fuelling the Fire Within” on 03.10.2025 from 9.00 AM to 6.00 PM. The resource person Brahma Nayakam Mahadevan, Master Trainer, Social Activist and Motiva-

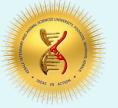
tional Speaker, Founder of Sahajeevan Trivandrum engaged the students through thought-provoking discussions, real-life experiences, and interactive activities. The session emphasized the importance of self-motivation, resilience, and goal-oriented focus in overcoming challenges and achieving personal as well as professional excellence

Meat Processing and Marketing Workshop



A three-day Entrepreneurship Development Workshop on 'Processing and Marketing of Value-Added Meat Products' conducted by the Meat Technology Unit of Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University was successfully concluded. 18 entrepreneurs, both existing and aspiring in the meat sector, participated in the training. The objective of the workshop was to expose new entrepreneurial opportunities in meat value addition and marketing. The workshop provided participants with practical experience in preparing various meat products, as well as marketing strategies, legislation and licensing, equipment supply, funding opportunities, and incubation facilities for product development and innovation.

Dr. Ally K, Dean, Mannuthi Veterinary College, inaugurated the programme and spoke about the importance of safety, convenience and diversity while running a meat processing plant. Various sessions helped in creating meaningful interaction between the faculty, professionals, successful entrepreneurs and experts from government departments who contributed to better knowledge and skill development. Dr. K. Shynu, Associate Dean, Mannuthi Veterinary College, was present at the closing ceremony. Course Director, Dr. V. N. Vasudevan assured the participants that the Meat Technology Unit would continue to support them in their future entrepreneurial journey.



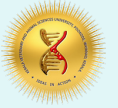
Training programme on “Layer Production”



A one-day training programme on “Layer Production” was organised by the Centre for Advanced Studies in Poultry Science, Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University on 20-11-2025. The programme was organised as per permission granted by Director of Entrepreneurship, KVASU (Order no. KVASU/DoE/A3/1205/2024(1) dtd 14-08-2024). The training was organised for farmers as well as entrepreneurs with an objective to furnish relevant insights on sustainable scientific layer production. The training began at 9 am on 20-11- 2025 and 25 farmers from varied districts as Thrissur, Ernakulam and Palakkad actively participated for the training. An amount of Rs.500/- (Rupees five hundred only) was collected from each participant as registration fee for the training. The keynote address was delivered by Dr.Binoj Chacko, Director, CASPS who briefed the participants about the programme. He gave insights into the poultry industry in India with special reference to Namakkal, the egg city of India. He stressed the need to augment egg production in Kerala as our state is still dependant on other states for the daily requirement of eggs. He underscored the necessity of trainings to farmers for scientific rearing of layer chicken to address the issues pertaining to egg production in Kerala. The programme encompassed a blend of instructional theoretical lectures by the faculty of CASPS, informative practicals on grading of eggs, egg quality studies, brooding of chicks, vaccination, insect based waste management etc. The first scientific session was handled by Dr.Vimal Antony, Assistant Professor, CASPS on the topic “Current trends in management of layer chicken”. The session provided vital information on diverse contemporary aspects of profitable layer production as opportunities in

the layer sector, commercial strains of layers used in the industry, features of housing, brooding, lighting programme, litter management and licensing rules. The second session on layer feed and feeding management delivered by him focused on poultry nutrition and constructive strategies to reduce feed cost at field level. The topic covered comprehensive attributes on conventional and non-conventional feed stuffs, economics of rearing layers etc. The third session on “Diseases of common occurrence in layer chicken and biosecurity measures” by Dr.Harikrishnan S, Assistant Professor and Head, University Poultry and Duck Farm, Mannuthy was aimed to impart an extensive understanding of key facets of commonly encountered poultry diseases, clinical signs and preventive measures to be adopted, vaccination schedules, pre and post vaccination care, basic biosecurity measures and waste disposal strategies. Tea, snacks and lunch were arranged for all the trainees. After lunch, a practical session in the laboratory of CASPS was conducted on egg quality studies and grading of eggs by Dr.Stella Cyriac, Assistant Professor, AICRP on Poultry Breeding, Mannuthy. The participants were given insights on various egg products, packing of products, egg quality parameters and candling of eggs. They were taught to handle the equipments used for egg quality studies as screw gauge and Vernier caliper. A practical session on brooding and vaccination was handled by Dr.Simi.G, Assistant Professor, Department of Poultry Science, CVAS, Mannuthy. The participants had a visit to the brooding shed where a live demonstration with electric brooder for brooding broiler chicks was done. The method of brooding and vital elements as temperature, humidity, ventilation, feeding,

watering, behaviour of chicks etc were discussed. The reconstitution of Newcastle disease vaccines with diluent was demonstrated. The procedure of intraocular vaccination was demonstrated in Gramasree chicks. Dr.Lijin James, Feed mill manager of revolving fund feed mill demonstrated the waste disposal method employing Black soldier fly larvae in the Black soldier fly experimental unit. The life cycle of the fly and the effective approaches for waste management were apprised. The participants were briefed on large scale commercial larvae production at the unit by illustration of various life stages as the egg, larva, prepupa, pupa and adult stages of the black soldier fly. The conversion of poultry waste into valuable products as black soldier fly meal and frass, the organic fertilizer produced by decomposition of poultry waste as litter captured the interest of the participants. The valedictory function began at 4:45 pm and was presided over by Dr.Binoj Chacko, Director, CASPS. In the valedictory address he highlighted the need to make the best use of trainings offered by KVASU. A feedback session from the farmers witnessed positive responses from the participants and their demands for future advanced trainings of longer durations on specific topics. They emphasized the need for trainings of at least three days duration to gain knowledge on the basics of layer farming. The entrepreneurs also stressed on sessions on bank loan facilities for initiating startups. Participation certificates were distributed to all the trainees. The training drew to a close with a vote of thanks by Dr. Simi. G to all the participants who attended the programme with enthusiasm. She extended her gratitude to all who rendered support to make the programme a success. The programme ended at 5:20 pm.



Palvaram '25 - National Milk Day celebrated.



On the occasion of National Milk Day, Varghese Kurien Institute of Dairy and Food Technology (VKIDFT) College, Mannuthi organized 'Palvaram 25'. November 26, the birthday of prominent Indian entrepreneur and father of the White Revolution, Dr. Varghese Kurien, is celebrated as National Milk Day. Various competitions and programs were organized by the Indian Dairy Association, Milma and Amul federations from November 20 to 26. VKIDFT College Dean Dr. A. K. Beena inaugurated the program. Various competitions and celebrations were held for the following week. Student Union Secretary R. Harigovind welcomed the students at the closing ceremony. College Dean Dr. A. K. Beena presided over the function. A joint video of the programs was shown on the projector. Dr. PI Geevarghese, former chairman and former dean of the Indian Dairy Association, Dr. S. N. Rajkumar, current chairman and former dean of the Indian Dairy Association,

and Dr. Jose Mathew, Associate Patron, delivered their felicitation speeches. Mr. Nahas Basheer, a prominent entrepreneur and founder of Creamery Foods Private Limited, shared his entrepreneurial life experiences with the students. Mrs. Bindu V.P, a native of Wayanad and owner of Manna Dairy Farm, who was selected as the best dairy farmer of the year, was honored at the function. Along with this, Akhil Binu, a student of the Thiruvananthapuram campus of Kerala Veterinary University, who performed well in academics and extracurricular activities, received the Indian Dairy Association's best student award. Student organizers Ann Vismaya Suresh and Neerja PL, and staff organizers Dr Aparna Sudhakaran and KR Bharath, who led the event well, were also honored with awards. The aim of organizing such celebrations is to bring the benefits of milk to the common people every year.

Milk Week - National Milk Day celebrated

As part of the National Milk Day week celebrations, a one-day milk exhibition titled “Palnilavu” was held at the College of Dairy Science, Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Pookode. Dr. T. S. Rajeev, Director, Department of Knowledge Entrepreneurship, KVASU inaugurated the event. Registrar Dr. P. Sudhir Babu and Director, Academic & Research, Dr. C. Latha graced the event. Still models, charts, publications related to animal

husbandry and dairy development, various dairy products and the working of the equipment used to make them, besides interesting games and video demonstrations, were held as part of the event. The exhibition attracted about 350 visitors including students, farmers and employees. Their active participation contributed greatly to the success of the event.

Veterinary University and Project: 'A Kitchen Garden at Home' - First Phase Started



As part of the 'Oppam' tribal livelihood project led by the Entrepreneurship and Knowledge Outreach Department of Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, the 'A Kitchen Garden at Home' project was launched in Vellappankandy. The project will be implemented in various phases such as assistance with a lawn mower for land preparation,

construction of bio-plastic net fences for protection from wild animals, production of organic fertilizers, and continued training and support. Feed was also distributed to support rearing. Kurukan Moopan, Kalyani, Jinu, University Research Assistant Gypsa Jagadish and Shihab participated.

Veterinary University: A shining success for students and teachers



Teachers and students of Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University emerged winners with a brilliant performance at the Indian Society of Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology Conference 2025. At the conference held at the Karnataka Veterinary Animal and Fisheries Sciences University in Shimoga, Dr. Nisha A. R. and Dr. Bibu John K., teachers of Mannuthi Veterinary College,

and Dr. Amal and Dr. Maheshwaran, students, won prizes in various presentations. Apart from this, students of Pookode Veterinary College Mukesh Rohit V, Srikanth Immadi, Aruna B, Arpita D Patil, Divyanandan VS, Deepanjali S, Shahul Ahmed R, Bindu Sri R., and Ananthu Vijayakrishnan also emerged winners in poster-oral presentations on various topics.

“From Campus to Farm: Empowering Biosecurity Champions in India”

The Department of Veterinary Public Health, College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (CVAS), Mannuthy, in collaboration with ReAct Asia Pacific, successfully concluded the student-led project "From Campus to Farm: Empowering Biosecurity Champions in India" funded by Trinity challenge United Kingdom. The initiative assessed biosecurity gaps and antibiotic usage patterns across broiler poultry farms in and around Thrissur district. Twenty selected 3rd-year BVSc & AH students of CVAS, Mannuthy conducted the field evaluations under the guidance of Dr. C. Sethulekshmi and Dr.

Binsy Mathew from the Department of Veterinary Public Health.

Key project activities included:

- Selected 20 students belonging to 3rd year BVSc & AH through a competitive examination and training was given to them on farm biosecurity measures and AMR as well as on guidelines for farmer extension.
- Conducted a pre- evaluation survey on awareness of biosecurity and AMR among poultry farmers by the students
- Farmer Awareness Workshop (3 Dec 2025,

Hotel Clay House, Chalakudy): Technical sessions on "Antimicrobial Resistance" by Dr. C. Sethulekshmi and "Biosecurity" by Dr. Suja C. S., with distribution of toolkits, brochures, and pamphlets.

- Post-Intervention Assessment: Evaluation of improved biosecurity practices following farmer training and on-farm interventions by students.

The project culminated in a plenary session on 15

Dec 2025, featuring a panel discussion on integrating biosecurity into veterinary curriculum. Experts from KVASU, FAO, Heifer International, and ReAct Asia Pacific emphasized the critical need for structured biosecurity training for fresh veterinary graduates, practicing veterinarians, and farmers to combat antimicrobial resistance and enhance farm productivity.



Building a Successful Dairy Enterprise: Entrepreneurship & Marketing Insights'

A training programme on “Building a Successful Dairy Enterprise: Entrepreneurship & Marketing Insights” was conducted for the students of the College of Dairy Science and Technology, Pookode, on 29th November 2025 under the Plan Project 2025–2026 “Strengthening KVASU Technology Information and Sales Centres” of the Technology Incubation and Sales Centre (TISC), functioning under the Director of Entrepreneurship, Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Pookode. Sanction for the conduct of the training was accorded as per Order No. KVASU/DoE/

A3/1527/2025(1) dated 29.11.2025 of the Director of Entrepreneurship, KVASU. The session was led by Mrs. Shahla, a well-known dairy farmer and entrepreneur recognized for her innovative practices and long-standing contributions to the dairy sector. The training aimed to provide students with practical exposure to the evolving landscape of dairy entrepreneurship. Mrs. Shahla began by sharing her personal journey into dairy farming, highlighting key challenges and the strategies she adopted to establish a successful dairy enterprise. Her experiences offered students a realistic



understanding of the commitment, innovation, and resilience required to excel in the dairy industry. The session covered various aspects of modern dairy management, including sustainable farming methods, scientific feeding practices, improved housing systems, and herd health management. Mrs. Shahla stressed the importance of adopting technology and evidence-based management approaches to enhance farm productivity and ensure

long-term sustainability. She also discussed product diversification, value addition, branding, and market-driven strategies essential for building a competitive dairy business in today's marketplace. An interactive discussion followed, where students actively engaged with the resource person, raising queries related to entrepreneurship, farm management, and marketing opportunities. Mrs. Shahla encouraged the students to explore the

Coffee Tree Sculpture Training for Students in Narankandi



As part of the 'Oppam' livelihood project led by the Entrepreneurship and Knowledge Outreach Department of Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, a training course on making sculptures

using coffee trees was conducted for students in Narankandi. The training program was organized under the leadership of Carpentry Trainer Jason and Neeraj Chandran at Narankandi, Kalpetta. As part of the training, the children made various sculptures using coffee trees. Veterinary University Research Assistant Gypsa Jagadish, Teach for Nature Fellow Susruthan and Vijitha also participated in the said training.

Training on Layer Production

A one-day training programme on “Layer Production” was organised by the Centre for Advanced Studies in Poultry Science, Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University on 17-07-2025. The programme was organised as per permission granted by Director of Entrepreneurship, KVASU (Order no. KVASU/DoE/A3/1702/2024(1) dtd 22-11-2024). The training was organised for farmers of the Nemmara farmer producer organisation (FPO) that operates in 14 gramapanchayaths for the “Mutta Gramam”/ Egg Village Project with an objective to impart comprehensive knowledge on sustainable scientific layer production in cage system. The FPO aims to assist the farmers to initiate Micro Hitech Layer Units with a minimum capacity of 1025 layers. The training began at 9 am on 17-12-2025 and 25 farmers from Vandazhi, Mudappallur, Kizhakkencheri, Elavampadam, Pothundi, Nemmara, Elavanchery, Ozhuvupara, Kudallur, Chittilanchery, Melarcode and Kovenchira of Palakkad district actively participated for the training. General manager of CIFTL, Mannuthy, State head of CBBO Project, ESAF foundation and members of ESAF layer project team also participated in the training. An amount of Rs.500/- (Rupees five hundred only) as registration fee for each participant was sponsored by ESAF bank, Mannuthy which will lend financial assistance for the entire project. Dr. Binoj Chacko, Director, CASPS welcomed the gathering and delivered the keynote address. He emphasized the

need for sustainability in egg production in Kerala by elaborating on the contemporary status of poultry industry in India. He underscored the fact that schemes implemented via FPOs as Egg Village Project can meet the requirements of growing demands for eggs in Kerala. The training was designed as a blend of four theoretical lectures and a practical session arranged at All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Poultry Breeding, Mannuthy. The first session was handled by Dr. Binoj Chacko, Director, Centre for Advanced Studies in Poultry Science, Mannuthy. He gave insights on intensive housing of poultry, design of sheds, layer management in the cage system, different types of cages, dimensions, space requirements etc. The second session was delivered by Dr. Simi.G, Assistant Professor, CASPS, Mannuthy in which the management aspects of rearing commercial strains as Hyline W-80 were covered. Performance standards as livability, feed consumption, body weight, egg production, egg weight etc were elaborated. Topics as brooding, lighting, drinking systems, infra-red beak trimming, growth, uniformity of flock, handling and light stimulation were also dealt with. The third session was handled by Dr. Vimal Antony M who detailed on nutrition and feeding of layers. He highlighted the critical factors in storage of feed, ingredients in feed, nutrient requirements, phase feeding to meet the nutritional needs, dietary nutrient concentrations etc. The afternoon session

after lunch began with a comprehensive lecture by Dr.Harikrishnan S, Assistant Professor and Head, University Poultry and Duck Farm, Mannuthy. He discussed the imperative role of conceptual, structural and operational biosecurity in layer production, cleaning and disinfection, diseases of common occurrence, transmission of diseases etc. The session also rendered insights on vaccination schedule, precautions to be taken before and after vaccination, routes of administration of vaccines etc. The practical session at AICRP on Poultry Breeding, Mannuthy was handled by Dr.Beena Joseph , Associate Professor, AICRP on Poultry Breeding, Mannuthy.The trainees had a visit to the shed in which birds are maintained in the cage system and the session could cater to their needs of maintaining commercial strains in cages. A live demonstration of

reconstitution of vaccines and vaccination in layers was carried out for the trainees. The valedictory function began at 4.30 pm and a feedback session from the trainees revealed that the training has enabled them to carry out the layer farming more efficiently and effectively. In the valedictory address, Sri.Roy V.S, State head of CBBO project , Kerala , ESAF foundation highlighted the transformative potential of poultry sector in Kerala to augment the state's egg production potential. He envisioned the power of the Egg Village Project assisted by the Nemmara FPO to become key players in the market as well as export of egg and egg products. He extended vote of thanks to all the participants and the faculty who made the programme a success.Certificates of participation were distributed to all the trainees. The programme drew to a close at 5:30 pm.



We should be able to become entrepreneurs capable of providing jobs: Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar



The 5th convocation of Kerala Veterinary & Animal Sciences University was held at the Kabani Auditorium at the University headquarters in Pookot. At the function, the Hon. State Governor Shri. Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, who is also the Chancellor of the University, distributed gold medals to the students who achieved high marks and certificates of various diploma courses offered by the Veterinary University, namely B.V.Sc.& A.H., M.V.Sc., Ph.D., B.Tech. (Dairy Science), M.Tech., Ph.D., B.Sc. (PPBM), etc. The function was presided over by the Registrar of the Veterinary University, Prof. (Dr.) P. Sudheerbabu. Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) K.S. Anil welcomed the gathering. He said that he remembers with gratitude everyone who worked behind the establishment of the university at this moment and explained the various interventions of the university in the field of animal husbandry and research through innovative innovations in the

recent times. University Pro-Chancellor and Hon. State Minister for Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development, Smt. J. Chinjurani, gave a message to the students. The Minister reminded that the continued work of the graduates will inspire changes in this field and that it is their duty to help the farmers. Hon. Governor Shri. Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar delivered the convocation address. The Governor congratulated the graduates and said that the goal of the youth should not be just to work after graduation and that they should try to become innovative entrepreneurs in a way that will provide jobs to others. He said that it is a matter of pride that Kerala Veterinary University is one of the two universities in the country that offers courses in Poultry Science and it is commendable that students are getting jobs even abroad after this course. He informed that the Kerala government has created an environment in the state that encourages young entrepreneurs

and a cell is being started under the university for entrepreneurship development. He mentioned that the petition against dowry signed by the university students at the event is a model for the entire state. National Dairy Development Board Chairman Dr. Meenesh Shah delivered the keynote address online. University Governing Body Member Mr. E.K. Vijayan MLA, Wayanad District Collector Dr. Meghasree IAS and other public representatives and officials were present. The ceremony was attended by

the distribution of gold medals to the students who achieved high marks, and various undergraduate, postgraduate, doctorate certificates, M.Sc., M.S. and diploma certificates to about 300 students. University Registrar Prof. (Dr.) P. Sudheerbabu, Director of Academic and Research Prof. (Dr.) C. Latha, Faculty Deans Prof. (Dr.) K. Alli, Prof. (Dr.) Beena A.K., other directors, members of the University Governing Body, Management Council and Academic Council were also present.

Veterinary University and Project: 'Onchai Maraam' Two-day Camp Concludes



A two-day holiday camp, "Onchai Maraam", organized by the Knowledge Outreach and Entrepreneurship Department of Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University under the 'Oppam' livelihood project and in collaboration with Chempatty Tribal Library, has concluded. The camp was organized in collaboration with Sahya Digital Conservation Foundation, Wikimedia of Kerala, Keetey Makkote Foundation, and Moving School Wayanad. The camp, held on December 30 and 31, included several programs such as drama workshop, Wikimedia workshop related to Paniya language, career guidance, friendly football match, lab visit, and bird watching.

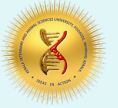
The closing ceremony was presided over by Dr. T.S. Rajeev, Director, Department of Knowledge Outreach and Entrepreneurship, Kerala Veterinary and Animal Science University. Vythiri Panchayat President Rajan C. inaugurated the function. Block Panchayat Member Vijesh distributed certificates. Dr. Vidya P., Manoj Karingamathil, Atul R. T., Teach for Nature Fellow Susruthan, and N. S. S Volunteer Secretary Angelo extended New Year greetings. Associate Director of Entrepreneurship, Dr. Ajith K. S. welcomed the gathering. Gypsa Jagadish presented the camp report and Chempatty Balavedi President Archana Chandran proposed a vote of thanks for the function.

Veterinary University and Project: 'Onchai Maraam' Two-day Camp Concludes



Two of Three-Day Entrepreneurship Training Programs for Veterinary officers of AHD organised at ASC Three-day training programmes on Veterinary Officers as Entrepreneurship Mentors: Capacity-Building Programme for Animal Husbandry Entrepreneurship was successfully organized at Academic Staff College, KVASU in two consecutive batches. The programs were held from 15th to 17th December for Batch I and from 18th to 20th December for Batch II. The first batch consisted of 30 participants. The program was inaugurated on 15th by Dr. T. S. Rajeev, Director of Entrepreneurship, KVASU who officially opened the training and addressed the participants. The program included 18 lecture sessions handled by expert faculty members, industry professionals, and subject specialists. Major topics covered included farm economics and production optimization in dairy/ poultry/ pig farming, entrepreneurship opportunities in meat products/ egg products/ veterinary pharma related products, business idea development, enterprise planning, funding and financial management, licensing and regulatory procedures, marketing and branding, government schemes, and practical steps for setting up a successful enterprise. The Course Director Dr. Vasudevan V N. oversaw and guided

the overall course planning and execution. The Course Coordinator for Batch I was Dr. Pramod S., who managed session arrangements, resource scheduling, and ensured smooth conduct of all activities. The training concluded with a valedictory ceremony on the 17th, where the Valedictory Address was delivered by Dr. Shynu, Associate Dean, KVASU. She congratulated all participants for their active engagement and motivated them to apply the knowledge gained to develop their entrepreneurial ventures. Certificates were awarded to all participants. Batch II: 18–20 Dec, The second batch was organized from 18th to 20th, with 29 participants. The sessions followed a structured schedule similar to Batch I, covering essential modules of entrepreneurship through lectures and interactive discussions. The Course Coordinator for Batch II was Dr. Biya Ann Joseph who ensured effective coordination and efficient conduct of the program. On 20th, a valedictory function marked the conclusion of the training. The Valedictory Address was delivered by Dr. Ajith K S, Associate Director of Entrepreneurship, who highlighted the emerging opportunities in various sectors and encouraged participants to take proactive steps towards establishing successful ventures.



Staff Empowerment Programme - KVASU POOKODE

The Directorate of Entrepreneurship and the Directorate of Students' Welfare organised a *Staff Empowerment Programme* on Monday, 29th September 2025, at Periyar Auditorium. The session was aimed at enhancing the skills, motivation, and professional growth of the university's staff members. The resource person for the programme was Mr. Joseph T. J., NLP Master Trainer and International Trainer from

Space Life Guidance & Training Centre, Wayanad. In an engaging and interactive session, Mr. Joseph shared valuable insights on communication, leadership, and personal development, focusing on techniques to improve workplace efficiency and team collaboration. The event was well received by the participants, who appreciated the opportunity to gain practical strategies for professional and personal growth.

“Fuelling the Fire Within”- Student Induction Programme –VKIDFT

Directorate of Entrepreneurship, Directorate of Students Welfare in association with Academic cell of VKIDFT Mannuthy jointly organized Student Induction Programme at VKIDFT, Mannuthy a motivational session titled “Fuelling the Fire Within” on 03.10.2025 from 9.00 AM to 6.00 PM. The resource person Brahma Nayakam Mahadevan, Master Trainer, Social Activist and Motivational

Speaker, Founder of Sahajeevan Trivandrum engaged the students through thought-provoking discussions, real-life experiences, and interactive activities. The session emphasized the importance of self-motivation, resilience, and goal-oriented focus in overcoming challenges and achieving personal as well as professional excellence.



KVASU OUTREACH



Session on Bio security and Dairy Farm Waste management by Dr. Deepak Mathew D. K. on 23rd October at District Ksheera Mela, Malappuram



Auction of Fallen trees at CBFT on 30/10/25



Eye Camp for farm staff and labourers conducted on 7th October at Cattle Breeding Farm, Thumburmuzhy



Auction of culled animals October 21st at Cattle Breeding Farm, Thumburmuzhy

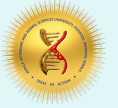
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Session on Scientific Dairying handled by Dr. Deepak Mathew D. K., in the Dairy Farmers Training held on 27/9/25 by Directorate of Students Welfare and NSS, KVASU at Kodassery



Session on Bio -waste to wealth, handled by Dr. Deepak Mathew D. K. at District Industries centre Palakkad on 18/09/2025



One day paid RF Training on farming





Gandhi Jayanti celebration



Veterinary and Animal Sciences University. A quiz competition, painting competition, distribution of payasam and various games for children were held on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. 35 people participated in various competitions. Chempatty Library Secretary Bavish Kumar and Executive Committee Member Babish Babu distributed the prizes. Veterinary University Research Assistant Jipsa Jagadeesh and Teach for Nature Fellow Susruthan were present.

Gandhi Jayanti celebrated at Chempatty Unnat Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated at Chempatty in collaboration with Chempatty Tribal Library and the 'Oppam' project of the Entrepreneurship Education Department of Kerala

Malayalam day celebration





KVASU team has entered the Pre-Quarter Finals. A hard-fought 1-0 victory against Periyar University in our second match



KVASU won the South Zone Football Championship in the first round, defeating Sri Venkateswara University, Andhra Pradesh(1-0) Congratulations!

KVASU STUDENTS



South Zone Inter University Volleyball Championship



Volunteers are providing support services at first Table Tennis Academy of Wayanad, Kerala State Ranking Championship tournament



South Zone Inter University Cricket Champions



South Zone Inter University Badminton women second runner up

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KVASU STUDENTS



South Zone Inter University Badminton men second runner up



South Zone Inter University Cricket first runner up



South Zone Inter University Cricket second runner up



South Zone Inter University Badminton women Champions



South Zone Inter University Badminton men Champions



South Zone Inter University Badminton ment first runner up



Best research paper award for oral presentation on the sub-theme "Cutting edge technologies for enteric methane mitigation in ruminants " at Climatecon25 International conference at ICAR NIANP Bengaluru on November 23-24, 2025. Receiving the Award and Citation from Dr KML Pathak sir Former DDG ICAR and with Dr. Sahoo sir Director NIANP Bengaluru



Dr Bibu John secured first prize in oral presentation at ISVPT 2025 in session of computational pharmacology



Dr. Nisha AR is honoured with the fellow award of Indian society of Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology.



Dr Baby Shalini E, participated in the 23rd Asia Masters Athletics Championship 2025, Chennai, won a Bronze in 80m hurdles, secured 4th in triple and long jump, and qualified for the World Masters 2026 in Daegu, South Korea.



Visit of students from GVHSS Iringol



Visit of Agricultural Officer and team for selection of site for Weather station on November 28th



Auction of trees on November 28th



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