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Inauguration of Animal Welfare Centre at Veterinary College, Hassan and International Workshop on Animal Welfare Research.

Organized by
**Department of Livestock Production Management,
Veterinary College, KVAFSU, Hassan
5th and 6th February, 2025**

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-A REPORT**

Inauguration of KVAFSU/CVA Animal Welfare Research Centre, Hassan, India

With the expertise available at the KVAFSU/CVA Animal Welfare Centre at Veterinary College, Bangalore it was envisaged to expand its activities to other colleges affiliated to KVAFSU. The Veterinary College at Hassan had expressed keen interest to establish a similar Centre at its premises.

With the support of KVAFSU and CVA and financial support from Open Philanthropy an Animal Welfare Research Centre was inaugurated at the Department of Livestock Production Management (LPM) Veterinary College, Hassan on 5th February 2025 with the objective of carrying out research on animal welfare, behavior, and ethics in farm animals.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, KVAFSU Dr. K.C. Veeranna inaugurated the Centre in the presence of Dr.S. Abdul Rahman, Executive Director, Commonwealth Veterinary Association (CVA), Dr.S. Yathiraj, Regional Coordinator CVA Asian Region, Dr.O.R. Nataraju, Dean Veterinary College, Hassan, and Dr.R. Guruprasad, Assoc. Prof. and Head Dept. Of LPM, Veterinary College, Hassan

To facilitate training of faculty of KVAFSU, it has been proposed to send 3 staff members of KVAFSU to Jeanne Marchig International Centre for Animal Welfare, University of Edinburgh, UK for a week's training during May 2025.



Inauguration of the Centre by Dr. K.C. Veeranna



Staff of the LPM Dept with the Chief Guests

International Workshop on Animal Welfare Research

An International Workshop on Animal Welfare Research was organized at the Veterinary College, Hassan on February 5th, and 6th, 2025. A total of 60 faculty and postgraduate students from various veterinary colleges of KVAFSU and Veterinarians from the State Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Government of Karnataka, participated in the two-day conference.



Inauguration of the conference by lighting of lamp-
Dr. Kate Littin, Dr. Guruprasad, Dr. Peter Thornber, Dr. S. Abdul Rahman,
Dr. K.C. Veeranna, Dr. S. Yathiraj and Dr. O.R. Nataraju

The scientific programme of the conference was divided into two sessions. The first session was on **Animal Welfare Research, Standard Setting and Capacity Building** and was Chaired by Dr. S. Abdul Rahman, Executive Director, CVA and Co-Chaired by Dr. S. Yathiraj, Regional Coordinator, CVA Asian Region.

The keynote address on **Climate Change and Animal Welfare** was presented by Dr. Peter Thornber, Australia, followed by Dr. Kate Littin from New Zealand who spoke on **One Welfare Being kind to Animals, Nature and Community**. This was followed by a presentation by Dr. Vivek Patil, Bangalore on **Animal Welfare Research and Education in India**.



Dr. Peter Thornber, giving the keynote address



Dr. Kate Littin presenting her paper



Dr. Vivek Patil giving his presentation

The Second Session was on **Application of Science for Improved Animal Health, Welfare and Production**. This session was chaired by Dr. Peter Thornber and co-chaired by Dr. Vivek Patil. The following were the topics and presenters of the session.

1. Companion Animal Welfare -Dr. Cherry Miranda
2. Animal Welfare in India - An overview-Dr. Guruprasad
3. Welfare assessment in ruminants-Dr. Mahadevappa Gowri
4. Welfare of sheep in different rearing systems in India-Dr.Kotresh Prasad



Dr.Guruprasad presenting his paper

On 6th February,2025 a hands on training on animal welfare issues was held at the University farm complex which was followed by a field visit to livestock farms around Hassan.



Distribution of certificates to the participants

The Valedictory function was held in the afternoon which was presided over by Dr.O.R. Nataraju, Dean, Veterinary College Hassan who distributed the certificates to all the participants.



Participants of the workshop with Dr.Kate Littin,Dr.S.Yathiraj,Dr.S.Abdul Rahman, Dr.Peter Thornber and Dr.O.R.Nataraju