

REPORT ON
Inauguration of the KVAFSU/CVA Animal Welfare Research Center
at Veterinary College, Shivamogga
and
International Workshop on Animal Welfare Research and Education
10-11th February, 2026, Shivamogga, India

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Inauguration of the Center by Prof. K.C.Veeranna, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor

Center was inaugurated at the Department of Livestock Farm Complex (LFC), Veterinary College, Shivamogga on 10th February 2026 with the objective of carrying out research on animal welfare, behavior and ethics in farm animals.

The center was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University, Prof. K. C. Veeranna. The event was graced by the presence of distinguished dignitaries including Prof. S. Abdul Rahman, Executive Director of the Commonwealth Veterinary Association (CVA), and Prof. S. Yathiraj, Regional Coordinator, CVA Asian Region.

Further on the occasion Prof. B. V. Shivaprakash, Director of Research, KVAFSU, Bidar; Prof. R. Nagaraja, Head of Division (Animal and Poultry Science), KVAFSU, Bidar; Dr. H. C. Indresh, President, Karnataka Veterinary Council; Prof. Prakash Nadoor, Dean, Veterinary College, Shivamogga and Dr. Satheesha G. M., Associate Professor, Veterinary College, Shivamogga.



The inauguration marked a significant milestone in strengthening animal welfare, research, and professional collaboration.

International Workshop on Animal Welfare Research and Education

An International Workshop on Animal Welfare Research and Education was organized at the Veterinary College, Shivamogga, during the period of February 10 - 11th, 2026. A total of 76 faculty members from various Veterinary Colleges of KVAFSU, apart from Veterinarians serving in the Department of Animal Husbandry

and Veterinary Services, Government of Karnataka, participated in the two-day's workshop.

The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. K. C. Veeranna, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University, in the presence of Prof. S. Abdul Rahman, Executive Director of the Commonwealth Veterinary Association (CVA), and Prof. S. Yathiraj, Regional Representative, CVA. The programme was also graced by Prof. B. V. Shivaprakash, Director of Research, KVAFSU, Bidar; Prof. R. Nagaraja, Head of Division (Animal and Poultry Science), KVAFSU, Bidar; Dr. H. C. Indresh, President, Karnataka Veterinary Council; and Prof. Prakash Nadoor, Dean, Veterinary College, Shivamogga. Dr. Satheesha G. M., Associate Professor and Head, Animal Welfare Research Center (AWRC), served as the Organizing Secretary. Dr. Umesh B. U., Dr. Veeranna Gowda B. G., Dr. Venkatesh M. M., and Dr. Shradha Shetty served as the Co-Organizing Secretaries of the workshop.



Inauguration of the International Workshop



Release of Workshop compendium

The scientific programme of the workshop was divided into two sessions. The first session, titled *Progress in Animal Welfare Research and Education*, was chaired by Prof. S. Yathiraj, Regional Coordinator, CVA Asian Region and co-chaired by Prof. Prakash Nadoor, Dean, Veterinary College, Shivamogga.



Delegates at the International workshop

The keynote address on “Animal Welfare as Preventive Veterinary Medicine” was delivered by Dr. Cathy Dwyer, United Kingdom. This was followed by a presentation by Dr. Rebecca Doyle, United Kingdom, on “The Contribution of Animal Welfare to Sustainable Livestock Systems.”

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Veterinary Medicine Dr. Rebecca Doyle, United Kingdom, presented on the topic the Contribution of Animal Welfare to Sustainable Livestock Systems.

Later Dr. Dianne Phillips, Australia, presented on the topic “Animal Welfare Management in Natural Disasters”.



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The first session was concluded with a presentation on Animal Welfare Education and Research in India by Dr. Vivek Patil, KVAFSU, India.

The afternoon session was chaired by Prof. Thirumalesh T., Senior Professor, Department of Animal Nutrition, and co-chaired by Prof. Madhavaprasad, Senior Professor, Department of Veterinary Public Health. The following topics were presented during the session by the learned speakers.

1. Welfare Assessment in Ruminants - Dr. Mahadevappa Gowri,
2. Animal Welfare in India : An overview - Dr. R. Gururprasad,
3. Companion Animal Welfare - Dr. Cheryl Miranda
4. Welfare of Sheep in Different Rearing Systems in India - Dr. Kotresh Prasad

The programme served as a platform for knowledge exchange, capacity building and strengthening collaborative efforts in advancing animal welfare research and education.



Exposure Visit



On 11th February 2026, a hands-on training programme on animal welfare issues was conducted in the Livestock Farm Complex. This was followed by a exposure visit to the Sakrebylu Elephant Camp near Shivamogga.



Distribution of certificates to the participants

The Valedictory Programme was held at the end of the workshop and was presided over by Prof. Prakash Nadoor, Dean, Veterinary College, Shivamogga. The participants shared their reflections and experiences about the International Workshop. The programme concluded with the distribution of certificates to all the participants.

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