The Editorial of this issue commented upon the upgradation of the post of Madras Veterinary College Dean as Additional Director of Animal Husbandry (Veterinary Education and Research) by the Government of Tamil Nadu ‘to facilitate speedy disposal of business’. Two special committees had also been constituted for poultry and livestock to review the work done so far by the Department of Animal Husbandry and suggest ways and means to improve the successful implementation of various schemes in operation under the Department. The outcome of these committees was still awaited. Previously there was an appointment of a Milk Commissioner from civil services, to be in charge of the Department of Animal Husbandry with a new designation of Commissioner for milk production and livestock development with a status of Joint Secretary to Government. However, the government order had placed the Director of Animal Husbandry to be over-all in charge of the entire Department thereby making the working of the Additional Director (VER) ‘circumlocutory’. The Editorial sought the Post of Additional Director (VER) to be absolutely independent as far as education and research pertaining to veterinary and animal husbandry disciplines. In any case, the final upgradation of the Additional Director (VER) to the position of full-fledged Director (VER) in Tamil Nadu in 1971 and ultimate formation of the first ever veterinary and animal sciences university in 1989 resolved the problem and Tamil Nadu Government had ultimately shown the right way to the entire country as to how to go about in matters relating to veterinary education, research and manpower development. A tailpiece of the Editorial exhorted the members of the veterinary profession to make the proposed XVIII Indian Veterinary Conference, a grand success.

This issue had carried an Obituary on the sad demise of Dr. H.N. Chelva Iyengar, who was heading the Department of Anatomy, Madras Veterinary College from 1925 to 1946. Dr. Chelva Iyengar set up the Anatomy Museum of the college during his tenure and prepared the script for the monograph on the ‘Anatomy of the Ox’ for the ICAR, the then, Imperial Council of Agricultural Research. Conferred with the coveted title of Rao Sahib for his valuable services, he continued his academic career as the Professor of Anatomy in the Veterinary College, Jabalpur. He belonged to an illustrious family of vets, including his uncle, Dr. H.C. Sampath Iyengar, his brother, son and son-in-law. The Issue also recorded condolences on the demises of Dr. V.V. Srinivasan, Officer-in-charge, Training Course, IVRI, Izatnagar and Dr. F.S. Khambata, Principal, Bombay Veterinary College.

There were letters to the Editor on changes in genetic characters of avians by erythrocytes transfusions (by Dr. P.C. Gangwar) and diagnosis of spirochaetosis of poultry by gel diffusion test (by K.C. Verma and B.S. Malik). The details of the proposed XVIII Indian Veterinary Conference at Hyderabad have been published for the benefit of the members of the profession. There were abstracts of papers published in reputed international journals.

The general articles in this issue included caprine mastitis due to *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, heat labile somatic antigens of *Listeria monocytogenes*, tissue response to experimental anthrax of sheep and goats, pathology of female genital tract of poultry with special reference to egg peritonitis, histopathology of pulmonary and hepatic distomatosis in dogs, infective larvae of parasitic strongylids, cestodiasis in ducks, body water compartments of Kumaoni hill steers, calving interval of Hariana cattle, gestation period and birth weight in Murrah buffaloes, economics of raising buffaloes till first lactation, acclimatization of Rambouillet sheep in the hills of Uttar Pradesh, nutritive value of bijada (*Citrulus vulgaris*) cake and bacterial contamination of market eggs. Clinical articles included clinical trial with ‘Ancylol’ in canine ancylostomiasis and in mixed infection of *Spirocerca lupi* and *Gnathostoma spinigerum*, use of disopheol (Ancylol) in the treatment of ancylostomiasis in dogs and caesarean in a case of uterine torsion under premedication with a sedative and local anaesthesia.

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