

Veterinary Council of India

Minutes of the 149th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Veterinary Council of India held on 18/02/2026 at 12.30 P.M. (Hybrid Mode).

Minutes

The following Members were present:

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| 1. Dr. Umesh Chandra Sharma | - President (Attended through virtual mode) |
| 2. Dr. Ingale Sandip Vinayak Rao | - Vice-President (Attended through virtual mode) |
| 3. Dr. Niteen Patil | - Member (Attended through virtual mode) |
| 4. Dr. Falguni S. Thakar | - Member (Attended through virtual mode) |
| 5. Dr. Gurucharan Datta | - Member |
| 6. Dr. Amit Nain | - Member (Attended through virtual mode) |
| 7. Dr. D. Thanigaivelu | - Member (Attended through virtual mode) |
| 8. Dr. Rajendra Gulabrao Bambal | - Secretary, VCI (Addl. charge) |

Dr. Sushantha Rai could not join the meeting.

At the outset, President, VCI welcomed the Members of the Executive Committee. Before start of meeting, the President, VCI invited the attention to the Members of the Council to the following for further deliberation in due course of time:

1. The nomenclature of the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying in the States/ Centre be changed to Department of Veterinary and Animal Husbandry and President, VCI shall take up DO letter in this regard with Department of Animal Husbandry, Government of India and Chief Secretary, All States/UTs.
2. As per VCI rules, 2017, the last date for receipt of applicant reply to the Letter of Intent by the Veterinary Council of India from Central Government was 15th February, 2026 as per Schedule-I of VCI Rules, 2017 for the academic session 2026-27. However, Council has so far not received applicant's reply to the LOI from the Central Government. Hence, Committee decided that President, VCI through DO letter take up this matter to the Central Government.

Thereafter, agenda were taken up for discussions.

149(1) To note and confirm the Minutes of the 148th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Veterinary Council of India held on 27th January, 2026.

The Executive Committee noted and confirmed the Minutes of the 148th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Veterinary Council of India held on 27th January, 2026 as no objection on the same has been received.

149(2) To consider the Inspection Report of College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Kishanganj, Bihar under Bihar Animal Science University, Patna Bihar Animal Science University, Patna conducted from 09 – 11



February,2026for the purpose of recommendations of Renewal of Letter of Permission.

The Executive Committee considered the inspection report of College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Kishanganj, Bihar under Bihar Animal Science University, Patna Bihar Animal Science University, Patna conducted during the period from 09 – 11 February,2026 for the purpose of recommending to the Central Government for issuance of Renewal of Letter of Permission by the following inspectors:

1. Dr. N. Vinod Kumar, Professor, Department of Veterinary Microbiology, College of Veterinary Science, Tirupati - 517502.
2. Dr. Gajanan M Chigure, Associate Professor, Department of Veterinary Parasitology, College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Parbhani-431402, Maharashtra.
3. Dr. Nikhil Chandra Nath, Associate Professor, Deptt. of Veterinary Physiology, College of Veterinary Science, Khanapara, Guwahati – 781022.

The Committee has examined the inspection report and observations of the Committee on the Inspection report are as under:

Description	Minimum Requirement as per MSVE 2016	Availability during Inspection	Deficiency Reported	Remarks
Land Availability	30 acres	60 acres	Nil	Ownership
Teaching faculty and Manpower requirement	• Professor - 09 • Associate Professor- 12 • Assistant Professor- 32 • Farm Manager- 02	• Professor- 05 • Associate Professor- 13 • Assistant Professor- 43 • Farm Manager- 02	• Deficient in terms of teaching manpower.	• There is no Professor in the Dept. of VAN, VPB, VMC and ANN. Hence, there is a shortage of 04 Professor s. • There is 01 shortage of Asstt. Professor in the Dept. of LFC.

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Availability of Livestock Farm Complex (LFC)	• Cows or Buffaloes 100 • Sheep and Goat 50 each • Piggery 10 with 1 male • Horse 2 • Poultry 1000 broilers and 1000 layers • Fodder 15 acres	• Cows or Buffaloes - TOTAL 56 • Sheep and Goat - More than 100 • Piggery Available • Horse Available • Poultry layers & broilers Available • Fodder 36 acres	Deficient in Number of Cattle and buffaloes	44 cattle are deficient.
Availability of Veterinary Clinical Complex (VCC)	• Operational for 24 hrs Within campus • Number of cases treated/day • Availability of outreach centre	• Facilities available • Recorded 768 outdoor cases and 186 indoor cases • Ambulatory services available	• Nil	Nil
Infrastructure and Equipment's	• Buildings • Equipments • Hostel Facilities	Available	Deficient in equipments	Digital X ray and Ultrasound not available at VCC
Others	• Digital attendance of staff	Not available	Deficient	At present Biometric attendance not available.

After detailed deliberation, the Executive Committee decided that a copy of the Inspection report together with observation of the Executive Committee shall be sent to the applicant University for obtaining their comments as provided under Rule 9(7) of VCI Rules, 2017. It was further decided that total number of sanctioned post in terms of teaching manpower (Professor, Assoc. Professor and Asstt. Professor) at Bihar Veterinary College, Patna as well as College of Veterinary & Animal Science, Kishanganj and existing available strength against the sanctioned post against each veterinary college shall also be obtained from the University and University shall be requested to submit their comments on the observation of the Executive Committee by 25th February, 2026 to this Council.



149(3) To consider the Inspection Report of College of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Datia, Madhya Pradesh under Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi conducted from 09 – 11 February, 2026 for the purpose of issue of Letter of Intent.

The Executive Committee considered the Inspection Report of College of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Datia, Madhya Pradesh under Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi conducted during the period from 09 – 11 February, 2026 for the purpose of recommending to the Central Government for issue of Letter of Intent by the following inspectors:

1. Dr. (Mrs.) Sutopa Das, Professor, Department of Veterinary Microbiology, College of Veterinary Science, Khanapara, Guwahati.
2. Dr. Bhavanam Sudhakara Reddy, Assistant Professor, Department of Veterinary Medicine, NTR College of Veterinary Science, Gannavaram 521102, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh.
3. Dr. Rajesh V. Wagh, Assistant Professor, Department of Livestock Products Technology, College of Veterinary Science, Ludhiana-141004, Punjab.

The Committee has examined the inspection report and observations of the Committee on the Inspection report are as under:

Description	Minimum Requirement as per MSVE 2016	Availability during Inspection	Deficiency Reported	Remarks
Land Availability	30 acres	135.36 acres	Nil	Ownership
Teaching faculty and Manpower requirement	• Professor - 05 • Associate Professor - 04 • Assistant Professor - 19 • Farm Manager - 02	• Professor - 0 • Associate Professor - 05 • Assistant Professor - 13+1 • Farm Manager - 01	Deficient in teaching manpower.	• There is no Professor in all the Five Departments. Hence, there is shortage of 05 Professors. • There is shortage of 04 Asstt Professors, 01 in LPM, 02 in LFC and 01 in VCC. • There is shortage of 01 Farm Manager.

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Availability of Livestock Farm Complex (LFC)	• Cows or Buffaloes - 100 • Sheep and Goat - 50 each • Piggery 10 with 1 male • Horse - 2 • Poultry 1000 Broilers and 1000 Layers • Fodder 15 acres	• Available. Number of Animals in different categories not specified. • Fodder 36 acres	Nil	Details of animals in terms of Cattle, Buffalo, Sheep & Goat, Piggery, Horse not mentioned in the inspection report. Hence, details are required.
Availability of Veterinary Clinical Complex (VCC)	• Operational for 24 hrs within campus • Number of cases treated/day • Availability of outreach centre	• Facilities available • Recorded monthly average outdoor 83 cases and 03 indoor cases • Ambulatory services available	Deficient	• Deficient in terms of OPD as there is 83 monthly patient whereas, as per MSVE Regulations, there should be minimum 500 OPD cases. • Further, there is only 03 IPD cases in a month whereas, as per MSVE Regulations, minimum 10 IPD cases in a month are required.
Infrastructure and Equipment's	• Buildings • Equipment's • Hostel Facilities	• Available	Nil	Nil
Others	• Digital attendance of staff.	• Not available	Nil	Not applicable at present

After detailed deliberation, the Executive Committee decided that a copy of the Inspection report together with observation of the Executive Committee shall be sent to the applicant University for obtaining their comments as provided under Rule 7(7) of VCI Rules, 2017. It was further decided that total number of sanctioned post in terms of teaching manpower (Professor, Assoc. Professor and Asstt. Professor) at the aforesaid college shall also be obtained from the University and University shall be requested to submit their comments on the observation of the Executive Committee by 25th February, 2026 to this Council.

149(S)(1) To consider the Letter No.K/12/2025-111 (37089) dated 16 February, 2026 received from the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, GOI, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi regarding Application in Form-1 for opening of Apex Institute of Veterinary Education & Research, Bidhai Khera, Fatehabad, Haryana affiliated to LUVAS, Hisar request for issuance of Letter of Intent (LoI) for 2026-27.

The Executive Committee considered the Letter No.K/12/2025-111(37089) dated 16th February, 2026 received from the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi regarding Application in Form-I for opening of Apex Institute of Veterinary Education & Research, Bidhai Khera, Fatehabad, Haryana affiliated to Lala Lajpat Rai University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Hisar request for issue of Letter of Intent (LoI) for 2026-27.

The Committee noted that the Council after following due procedure and inspection of the College recommended Central Government for not issue of Letter of Intent due to non- fulfilment of minimum requirements as laid down under VCI Rules, 2017 and VCI Regulations, 2016 under Rule 7(10) of VCI Rules, 2017 for the academic session 2026-27. The Central Government has also accepted the recommendation of VCI and decided not to issue LOI in respect of aforesaid applicant for the academic session 2026-27 vide Department letter dated 26.12.2025.

Further, Committee observed that there is no provision in VCI Rules, 2017 that after rejection of LOI for a particular academic session shall be reconsidered again.

Hence, Executive Committee noted that the proposal is beyond the purview of VCI Rules, 2017.

In view of above, Executive Committee decided that the proposal cannot be considered for academic session 2026-27 and Central Government may be informed that applicant institution may be advised for submission of fresh application for the academic session 2027-28 as per Schedule provided in VCI Rules, 2017.

149(S)(2) To consider the Letter No.K-12052-1/30/2024-LH-Part(1) (E-30726) dated 16th February, 2026 received from the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi regarding

Draft RFP including estimated financial implications, for inviting bids through GeM portal for development of unified VCI portal.

The Executive Committee considered the Letter No. K-12052-1/30/2024-LH-Part(1) (E-30726) dated 16th February, 2026 received from the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi regarding Draft RFP including estimated financial implications, for inviting bids through GeM portal for development of unified VCI portal.

The Committee gone through the RFP and approved the same. Further, Bid value projected by NIC for the aforesaid work has also been considered for uploading on the GeM portal. The Committee decided that RFP shall be immediately uploaded on GeM portal for inviting the Bid and budgetary provision shall be made on the basis of actual Bid value received from the qualified Bidder.

149(S)(3) To consider the Letter No. K-2021/8/VCI-RR-SECY (E-19921) 13th February, 2026 received from the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi regarding the Draft Recruitment Rules (RRs) for various categories of posts (including Secretary, VCI) under the Veterinary Council of India (VCI).

The Executive Committee considered the Letter No. K-2021/8/VCI-RR-SECY (E-19921) 13th February, 2026 received from the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi regarding the Draft Recruitment Rules (RRs) for various categories of posts (including Secretary, VCI) under the Veterinary Council of India (VCI) and decided that a proposal for amendment in VCI (Service Terms & Conditions) Regulations for the aforesaid purpose may be placed before the Council meeting to be held on 27.2.2026.

Any Other Item with permission of Chair:

1. The Executive Committee considered the Letter No.K-12052-6/2/2021-DADF-Dept (19800) dated 17.2.2026 forwarding therewith the ICAR comments on Draft VCI MSVE-Postgraduate (MVSc/PhD) Regulations, 2025.

The Committee decided that the comments received from the ICAR shall be circulated amongst all the members of the Council for offering their views in the Council meeting to be held on 27.2.2026. It was further decided that Council after receipt of new proposal related to PG Diploma in veterinary Science shall considered from time to time and shall be notified under the Regulations.

The Committee also agreed that for Central Institutions in veterinary science 100% admissions can be made through centralized counselling by the Central Government in the line of medical education which is being conducted by the Ministry of Health, Government of India.

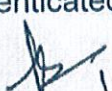


The comments of ICAR shall be sent to the Chairman, Education Committee and they shall incorporate the changes in PG Regulations at the appropriate place.

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