

Proceedings of One Day Seminar entitled “Veterinary Entrepreneurs: Transforming ideas into Business- A Road Map” organized by Institutional Innovation Council, Directorate of HRM, LUVAS, Hisar on 02.09.2023

Inaugural Session: The dignitaries were offered floral welcome by the IIC members. Dr. S. S. Dhaka, Chairman, IIC-cum-Director, HRM and Registrar, LUVAS formally welcomed the dignitaries and apprised the house about the objectives and establishment of Institutional Innovation Council at the Directorate of HRM, LUVAS, Hisar. Dr. Naresh Jindal, Director of Research and Dean, CODST, LUVAS delivered the Inaugural Address as the Chief Guest of the occasion. Dr. Priyanka, Convenor of the Seminar coordinated the Inaugural Function and thanked the dignitaries and participants of the Seminar. A total of 120 students (MVSc; Ph.D.; BVSc Internship; BVSc Final year) along with faculties of LUVAS participated in the one-day Seminar.

Technical Session: A session was organized in which the lecture was delivered by Dr. Pawan Kumar, Founder and Director at Cessna Lifeline Veterinary Hospital, Bengaluru, Karnatak, India. The technical session was Chaired by Dr. Naresh Jindal, Director of Research and Dean, CODST, LUVAS and Co-Chaired by Dr. N. K. Kakker, Prof. Microbiology. Dr Pawan Kumar (speaker) in his presentation on Veterinary Entrepreneurs: Transforming ideas into Business- A Road Map” talked about his inspiration and struggles in the early days, his advice to the youth about choosing a career, and his advice for fellow veterinary doctors. He emphasized that students should start thinking about their career as early as in the first year of the degree to mold themselves accordingly. He said a Veterinarian should choose a job that makes them happy and internally satisfied at the end of the day. So choose something in which you enjoy that sense of repetition.

There are lots of scopes in Veterinary Diagnostics and Therapeutics specifically in India. He had given the examples of fellow veterinarians who are exploring the field of veterinary by specializing in one particular field and gaining the fame all over India by establishing their own startup. Veterinarian should focus on specialization and choose an area they can become a specialist. He beautifully said that upcoming young veterinarians should think of the Government job AS ONE OF THE OPTION AND NOT THE ONLY OPTION. They should not limit their horizons as sky is the limit.

When asked by students on how to start their own veterinary clinic. He advice to establish a dedicated team first and establish a standard operating procedures from the very start. Veterinarian should build a network of fellow surgeons and clinical experts whom they can consult on difficult cases.

He concluded his speech by saying ‘I believe in one simple thing, which is everyone has one life and you can’t do everything. So do what you like to do, and do something where you feel you can put your heart, soul, and entire energy into. Be determined, plan it seriously, and make your life worth living’

Dr Swati Dahiya worked as Rapporteurs of the technical session. The session was quite interactive as the students enquired about the various technicalities involved in setting up his own business and sources of funding.

Recommendations: The final session for drawing the recommendations from the Seminar was Chaired by Dr. S. S. Dhaka, Chairman, IIC-cum-Director, HRM and Registrar, LUVAS and Co-Chaired by Dr. N. K. Kakker, Prof. Microbiology. Dr Swati Dahiya worked as Rapporteurs of the session and Dr.Rachna, delivered the vote of thanks.