



## NATIONAL ACADEMY OF VETERINARY SCIENCES (INDIA)

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### Message

It gives me immense pleasure to know that All Assam Veterinary Field Assistant Association is organizing its 27th Bi-annual conference and a "National Technical Seminar on Reorientation of Para Vet Services" at Nogaon, Assam from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019. The theme of the seminar is quite relevant in view of significant shortage (80 per cent) of para-vets in our country.

Livestock sector is an integral part of India's agricultural economy and plays a multifaceted role in providing livelihood and support to the rural population. It is estimated that about 70 million rural households own livestock of one species or the other and provision of quality veterinary care for these animals cannot be over emphasized. Thus, there is a growing need for generating qualified and trained human resource for faster growth of the livestock sector to provide quality nutrition to growing human population in our country.

Keeping in view the unplanned mushrooming of institutes, in various states, granting para-vets diplomas and lack of licensing body in states, an initiative was taken by the National Academy of Veterinary Sciences (India) and a brain storming session was organised in New Delhi during this year in collaboration with Brooke India. Many eminent personalities in the field of animal husbandry from various government and non-government organisations participated in deliberations. Consequently, a policy paper was issued by the Academy for benefit of the animal husbandry departments of state governments, veterinary universities/colleges and other stake holders.

In medical profession, the para-medicos play a vital role and the courses/curriculum for the para - medicos are well defined. We also need to take a leaf out of the book of the medical fraternity and need to focus on streamlining uniform syllabi, the duration of para-veterinary courses and entry level qualification for joining such courses. After successful qualification, they need to be registered with state regulatory body that may be under the aegis of Director, Animal Husbandry.

As President of the NAVS (I), I compliment the organizers for this praiseworthy initiative which is the need of the hour and convey my good wishes for a great success of the event!

(Shri Kant)  
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