

# MoU Signed Between Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) and P.V. Narsimha Rao Telangana Veterinary University (PVNRTVU) for Collaborative Research in Animal Health

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A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Ministry of Ayush, and P.V. Narsimha Rao Telangana Veterinary University (PVNRTVU), Rajendranagar, Hyderabad. The agreement aims to promote collaborative research and academic activities in the field of veterinary sciences.

The MoU was executed on behalf of CCRAS by Dr. Goli Panchala Prasad, Assistant Director I/c, CCRAS-National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage (NIIMH), Hyderabad, and on behalf of PVNRTVU by Prof. A. Saratchandra Amaravati, Registrar. The signing ceremony was graced by dignitaries including Prof. M. Gnana Prakash, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, PVNRTVU, and Dr. Narayanam Srikanth, Deputy Director-General, CCRAS. Other distinguished attendees included Dr. Harikrishna, Director of Research; Dr. Satish Kumar, Director, Student Affairs; Dr. M. Uday Kumar, Dean, Faculty; Dr. M. Kishan Kumar, Director, Extension; Dr. Jayalakshmi, Controller of Examinations; Dr. Beesam Srinivas, Associate Professor, Department of Veterinary Public Health and Epidemiology, PVNRTVU; and Dr. Saketh Ram Thrigulla and Dr. Santosh Mane, Research Officers (Ayurveda), CCRAS-NIIMH, Hyderabad.

## Salient Points of the Agreement

- **Joint Research and Academic Programs:** Faculty, researchers, and scientists from both institutions will undertake collaborative projects in areas of mutual interest, with an emphasis on translational research, livestock management and nutrition, and the development of novel diagnostics and therapeutics for animals.
- **Knowledge and Infrastructure Sharing:** The MoU enables mutual access to research infrastructure and animal facilities, subject to approval by a Joint Coordination Committee (CC), thereby enhancing the use of specialized resources for collaborative work.
- **Student and Faculty Exchange:** CCRAS scientists may be appointed as adjunct faculty or co-guides for M.V.Sc. and Ph.D. students at PVNRTVU, and vice versa. The MoU also facilitates PVNRTVU students visiting CCRAS laboratories for lectures, practical demonstrations, and project work. Furthermore, undergraduate students will gain exposure to research opportunities in food sciences, one health, and research methodologies.
- **Publication and Intellectual Property:** Research findings will be published in open-access journals, with due credit to contributors from both institutions. Intellectual property generated through joint projects will be jointly owned, with financial benefits shared proportionally according to contributions.

This non-financial MoU, valid for an initial period of five years, marks an important step toward integrating modern veterinary science with traditional Ayurvedic knowledge to address pressing challenges in animal and human health. The partnership is expected to generate innovative solutions for animal welfare and livestock production, advancing the broader "One Health" concept.

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