

## Dean's Message

*Greetings from Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Veterinary Education and Research (RIVER), Puducherry. It gives me immense pleasure to welcome all the viewers visiting our college webpage. RIVER was inaugurated on the auspicious day of Vijayadasami on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 1994. Over the past 28 years RIVER has contributed towards educating and grooming some of the finest veterinarians of the country. The alma maters from RIVER have established sound basis across the country and globe.*

*It's yet another moment to cherish that I, the Dean of RIVER Puducherry, is one among the alma maters. A rare occasion to witness wherein a graduate from the college who travelled across the globe and established himself as the world's top 2 percent researcher, is now back to the same college, to lead it from the front as the Dean.*

*Undoubtedly RIVER has established itself as a sound veterinary college hosting students from all across the country. Under my supervision I foresee to take the college to even greater heights of international excellence. Providing a bright career for the students has always been among the priorities of RIVER. With the coming years, there will be even further improvisation with building international collaboration with some of renowned institutes in the world. Such collaborations will provide the students with wider options to venture into their preferential field of specialization. Furthermore, with the support from all the staffs, RIVER will also establish itself as a fine research institute. Another important focus of the college is improvising livestock production in Puducherry. We aim to improvise the revenue regeneration at the farmers' level and will be working together using a multidisciplinary approach. Livestock farming is a strong entity of our agricultural system and we are determined to work for the betterment of the farmers.*

*Broadly speaking the target areas to improve the output and credentials from RIVER will be:*

- i. Enhanced research activities through national and international funding*
- ii. Improvisation of the infrastructure at RIVER*
- iii. Expanding the international collaborations*
- iv. Working towards enhanced career development programs for the students*
- v. Efficient capacity building programs to improve the livestock farming in Puducherry*

*Apart from these, some of my plans towards a better future for RIVER involves refining extension activities for technology dissemination, improvising farm activities and revenue remuneration, encouraging academic startup ecosystem and establishing an environmentally friendly campus. We will also be working towards equipping ourselves even better so as to initiate doctoral research programs.*

*I have taken up this role with a strong determination to play a pivotal role in the lives of the students and staffs of RIVER along with all the people who are associated with the livestock enterprise in Puducherry. Hence if you are a student/parent, livestock entrepreneur, or an individual interested to associate with this field or organization, please feel free to go through our website and also visit our campus in person. Heading the same college where I began my journey as a BVSc student and now as a Dean is a 'dream come true' moment for me. Hence I will undoubtedly give it my best to take this institute to greater heights of success. Therefore, I will be delighted to welcome you onboard towards this journey of excellence....*