

TEC IVRI Pune organised a 3-day Training Programme on 'Laparoscopic Surgery in Small Animal Practice' from 29th to 31st January 2024

The Training and Education Centre, IVRI, Pune, in collaboration with Department of Veterinary Surgery and Radiology, Mumbai Veterinary College (MAFSU), Mumbai, has organised a three-day Training Programme on '*Laparoscopic Surgery in Small Animal Practice*' from 29th to 31st January 2024, under the aegis of All India Network Programme on Diagnostic Imaging and Management of Surgical Conditions in Animals (DIMSCA). A total of 16 participants from different states such as Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Punjab, Haryana and Karnataka attended the training programme.

The Chief Guest of the inaugural function of the training programme was Dr (Mrs) Sarita U Gulavane, Associate Dean, Mumbai Veterinary College. Dr GS Khandekar, Professor and Head, Department of Veterinary Surgery and Radiology and Organising Secretary, welcomed the Guests and the participants and briefed about the genesis of laparoscopy unit, different trainings organised by the Department and objectives of the training programme. Dr Amarpal, I/C Veterinary Clinical Complex, IVRI, Izatnagar and PI AINP-DIMSCA spoke on aims and objectives of the project under which different training programmes are being organised for the veterinary graduates and officers from across the country. Dr HP Aithal, Station In-charge, TEC Pune and the Course Coordinator briefed the participants about the mandate and activities of IVRI Pune Centre, and thanked Associate Dean, Mumbai Veterinary College, Mumbai, and MAFSU, for extending support and cooperation in conduction of the course. Dr (Mrs) Sarita Gulavane, the Chief Guest spoke on the need for specialised training programmes for the practicing veterinarians to refresh their knowledge and skill. She also stressed on the importance of minimally invasive techniques such as laparoscopy and endoscopy in veterinary clinical practice. Dr SD Tripathi, Assistant Professor and Course Director, thanked TEC Pune and PI AINP-DIMSCA for coming forward to organise the need based training programme on laparoscopy and endoscopy at Mumbai Veterinary College. He also thanked all the participants who came from different parts of the country for showing interest to learn laparoscopic techniques.

The 3-day training programme included lectures on principles and application of laparoscopy and endoscopy, handling of laparoscopy and endoscopy instruments, and hands on practice in dry lab as well as cadaver on different laparoscopic/endoscopic procedures. The core faculty included Dr GS Khandekar Professor and Head, and Dr SD Tripathi, Dr SV Gaikwad, and Dr RR Rohi (Assistant Professors) from the Department of Veterinary Surgery and Radiology, Mumbai Veterinary College. Dr Amarpal, Principal Scientist from IVRI Izatnagar and Dr SV Bahire, Scientist from TEC, Pune also gave expert lectures. Dr Gaurav Khandekar gave demonstration on endoscopy. All the participants were very enthusiastic and actively participated in the training programme. Honourable Vice-Chancellor of MAFSU, Dr NV Patil visited the training lab and interacted with the participants.

During the valedictory function held on 31st January 2024, Dr GS Khandekar welcomed the Chief Guest, Dr (Mrs) Sarita U Gulavane, Associate Dean, Mumbai Veterinary College, and briefed about the conduction of the training and expressed satisfaction for the keen interest shown by the participants in learning the minimally invasive surgical techniques. Dr Amarpal appreciated the laparoscopy facility and the work being carried out in the college, and hoped that

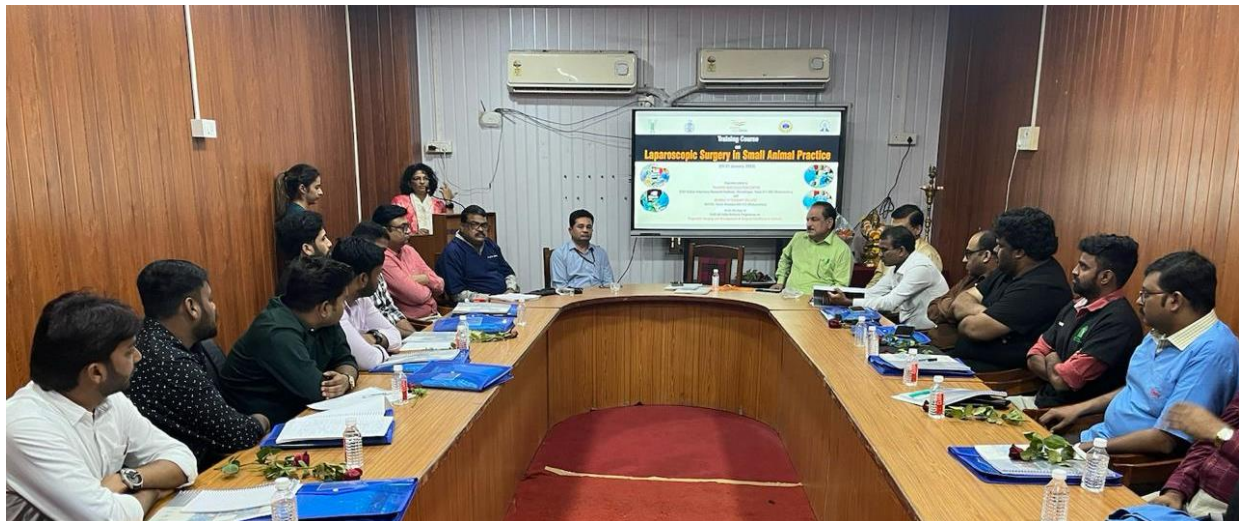
the trainees will use the knowledge and skill acquired during the training in day to day clinical practice. Dr HP Aithal thanked the faculty and PG students of the college for organising the wonderful training programme and hoped similar cooperation in the future. Many participants expressed their views and were very much satisfied with the training. Many of them were of the view that the training period should be extended to 5-7 days for greater exposure. The Chief Guest, Dr Sarita Gulavane distributed certificates to the trainees. In her address, she hoped that the trainees were benefited from the training and gained confidence in performing laparoscopic and endoscopic procedures. She also thanked TEC Pune and PI AINP-DIMSCA for choosing Mumbai Veterinary College for organising the training programme and expressed her full support for all future endeavours with Indian Veterinary Research Institute. Dr SD Tripathi, proposed formal vote of thanks.



Welcoming of Chief Guest Dr (Mrs) Sarita U Gulavane, during the inaugural function



Welcoming of a participant during the inaugural function



Chief Guest Dr (Mrs) Sarita U Gulavane, addressing the participants during the inaugural function



Group photograph of guests and participants after the inaugural function



Dr GS Khandekar giving lecture



Dr SD Tripathi making a presentation



Participants working in dry lab



Participants working in dry lab



Demonstration of endoscopy



Demonstration of laparoscopy



Hon. VC of MAFSU, Dr NV Patil, visited and training lab and interacted with the participants



Participating on hands-on training



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Distribution of certificate to a participant



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