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LETTER No.: 346-348/IVA/2020-21

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To

Sh. Ajith Kumar N
Returning Officer, V.C.I. Elections,
DMS Complex, New Delhi

Subject: Request to issue of Model Code of Conduct for the forthcoming Veterinary Council of India (VCI) elections.

Sir,

At the outset, I wish to convey my best wishes on behalf of the Indian Veterinary Association (IVA) upon being nominated as the returning officer by the Govt. of India for the forthcoming VCI elections.

I wish to bring to your notice prevalence of certain malpractices which could lead to interference in healthy and democratic elections. These malpractices might lead to misleading and misguiding the voters, resulting in an inherently undemocratic election which would be detrimental to the interests of VCI and this noble profession at large. Thus, it is important to bring to your notice the following:

1. Certaingroup of individuals appear to have a completely malicious intent and seem to be bent upon misleading the voters. Some of their activities include mentioning themselves to be members or office bearers of organizations which *sound* or *appear to be* prestigious, but are actually unregistered bodies brought into illegal existence shortly before the elections. It appears that several persons are canvassing themselves to be members or office-bearers of organizations having "Indian" in their names (such as "Indian Veterinary Association – Madhya Pradesh", "Indian Veterinary Association – Orissa" etc.) – thereby attempting to project a false sense of responsibility upon the voters.

However, a closer look would reveal that these organizations are bogus and solely an attempt to mislead the voters. It appears that these individuals are not entitled to be using these names either, and are portraying themselves as office bearers illegally and without any legal backing.

For instance, a certain group of individuals are projecting themselves as office bearers of Indian Veterinary Association registered at Chennai, though that the functioning of that society has been legitimately brought to an end by its members. It appears that these individuals assumed that they can simply take over a society which has been rendered defunct and garner votes on its basis. However, such action on their part is absolutely illegal, and if allowed to continue, would hamper with free and fair elections of VCI.

Therefore, I urge you to verify the claims made by all individuals who are canvassing in this manner, preferably by asking them to submit the relevant documents of the society such as registration certificate, registered bye-laws etc. (including furnishing its hard copy to prove authenticity).

2. Certain individuals also appear to be misusing the logo and/or names of other international organizations or portray themselves as associated with bogus organizations. It is requested that they be directed to clarify that such organizations are not affiliated with the Veterinary Council of India and have no statutory backing in India, to ensure voters are not swayed by erroneous considerations.

In light of the issues raised above and other pertinent issues regarding conduct of elections as well, I humbly request you to issue **model code of conduct** and other relevant guidelines and orders for the forthcoming VCI elections to maintain the dignity of our noble profession.

Anex. 1. attached as above

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Umesh Chandra Sharma
President
Indian Veterinary Association, New Delhi

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1. Dr. Pramod Kumar Kaushik, Assistant Commissioner and Assistant Returning Officer-VCI election.
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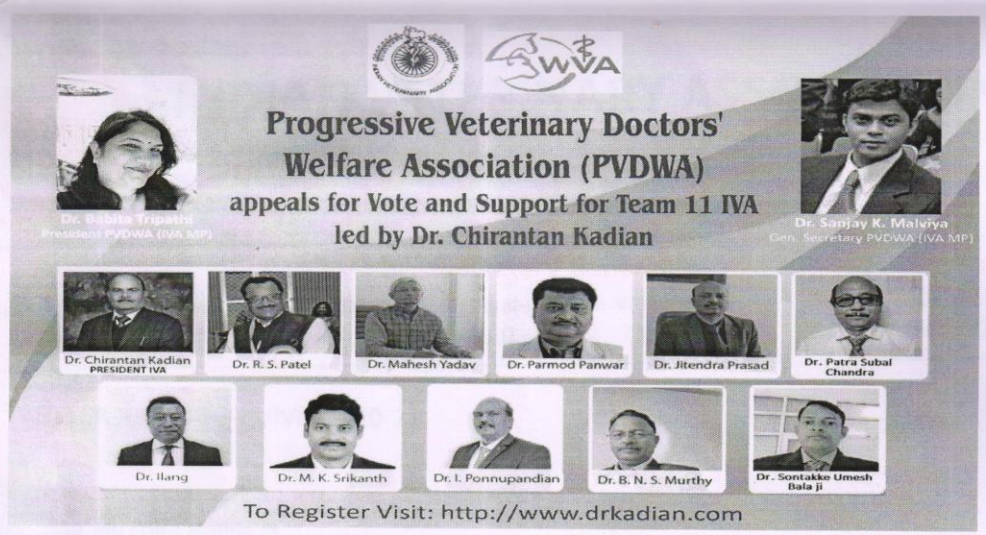
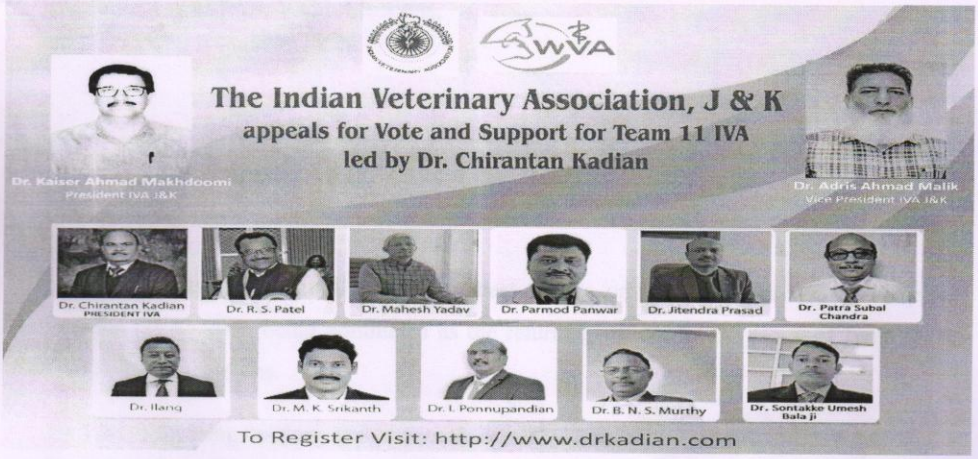
Sd
Dr. Umesh Chandra Sharma
President
Indian Veterinary Association, New Delhi





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