

# RAJASTHAN UNIVERSITY OF VETERINARY AND ANIMAL SCIENCES

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The Rajasthan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (RAJUVAS), Bikaner is a newly constituted body established under sub section (3) of section 1 of the Rajasthan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Act, 2010 consequent to carving out of units pertaining to Veterinary & Animal Sciences from Swami Keshwanand Rajasthan Agricultural University, Bikaner and Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture & Technology, Udaipur. The University came in to existence on 13th day of May, 2010 with His Excellency the Governor of Rajasthan as the Chancellor of the University. Professor A.K. Gahlot was appointed as first Vice Chancellor of the University. The University is located in heritage and palatial buildings of erstwhile Ganga Avenue housing the College of Veterinary and Animal Science, Bikaner (since 1954) and its precincts, spreading over 200 acres of land. The University has sophisticated equipments and well equipped facilities for execution of three major organs of the University, i.e., Teaching, Research and Extension. The Bijey Bhawan Palace, a magnificent red sandstone edifice designed by well-know architect Sir Swinton Jacob, was built by Maharaja Ganga Singh (1881-1942) as residence of his son Prince Bijey Singh in 1927. Two other buildings, the state Museum known as Sadul Sadan and State Library were also built contemporarily. These magnificent buildings are an example of pure Rajput martial architecture. They have several grand halls lounges, cupolas and pavilions. The exotic palatial buildings have magnificent pillars richly carved fire mantles, Italian colonnades etc. After independence, the Government of Rajasthan thought to open a veterinary college in the state. The custodians of the earst while state of Bikaner came forward and offered these three monumental buildings of the Ganag Avenue for the college along with a land of about 200 acres (1200 Bighas, as the measurement unit existed at that time). The University is having 3 constituent colleges i.e. at Bikaner, Navania-Vallabh Nagar (Udaipur District) and PGIVER, Jaipur. Out of this, the oldest one is College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Bikaner, established in 1954. Recently, a new veterinary college at Jodhpur has been sanctioned by the Government of Rajasthan. There are 7 private veterinary colleges affiliated to RAJUVAS out of which two are situated in Jaipur District and one each in Bharatpur, Jhunjhunu, Sikar, Sriganganagar, and Dungarpur Districts. The graduate education is imparted as per Veterinary Council of India's Minimum Standards of Veterinary Education Regulation 1993 and 2008 through 17 departments. The University has also added four more institutes for providing two years diploma in Animal Husbandry at Jaipur, Vallabh Nagar (Udaipur), Chandan (Jaisalmer) and Nohar (Hanungarh). In all, the University has 51 institutes providing 2 years diploma in Animal Husbandry after 10+2 spread over whole Rajasthan producing about 2500 para-vets annually.