

Veterinary Council of India

Minutes of the 88th Meeting of the Veterinary Council of India held on 12th January, 2026 at 01.30 P.M. (Hybrid Mode) in the Committee Room, Veterinary Council of India, August Kranti Bhawan, New Delhi – 110066.

MINUTES

The following Members of VCI were present:

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| 1. | Dr. Umesh Chandra Sharma | - President |
| 2. | Dr. Ingale Sandip Vinayak Rao | - Vice-President |
| 3. | Dr. K. C. Veeranna | - Member |
| 4. | Dr. Niteen Patil | - Member (Attended through virtual mode) |
| 5. | Dr. P.H. Tank | - Member |
| 6. | Dr. Jatinder Paul Singh Gill | - Member (Attended through virtual mode) |
| 7. | Dr. Amit Nain | - Member |
| 8. | Dr. Indrajit Singh | - Member |
| 9. | Dr. Geetha Priya L. | - Member (Attended through virtual mode) |
| 10. | Dr. Sushantha Rai | - Member |
| 11. | Dr. Gurucharan Datta | - Member (Attended through virtual mode) |
| 12. | Dr. Dandeswar Deka | - Member (Attended through virtual mode) |
| 13. | Dr. Vijay Kumar | - Member |
| 14. | Dr. Sujit K. Dutta | - Member |
| 15. | K. B. Sahkhar | - Member |
| 16. | Dr. Rajendra Gulabrao Bambal | - Secretary, VCI (Addl. charge) |

Members namely Dr. Pravin Kumar Deore, Dr. Falguni S. Thakar, Dr. Danjan Longri, Dr. P.S. Patel, Dr. Vasava Kirankumar and Dr. D. Thanigaivelu could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Secretary, VCI (Addl. Charge) welcomed all the Members of the Veterinary Council of India and meeting commenced with permission of the Chair.

88(1) To note and confirm the Minutes of the 87th Meeting of the Veterinary Council of India to be held on 12th December, 2025.

The Council noted and confirmed the Minutes of the 87th Meeting of the Veterinary Council of India held on 12th December, 2025 as no objections on the same were received.

88(2) To consider the Compliance Report received from the Registrar, Abhilashi University, Mandi, Himachal Pradesh in respect of School of Veterinary Sciences, Abhilashi University, Chailchowk, Tehsil Chachyot, District Mandi, Himachal Pradesh together with the recommendations made by the Executive Committee in its meeting held on 18/11/2025 and as per decision of the Council meeting held on 12/12/2025 for the purpose of recommendation for renewal of LOP.

The Council considered the compliance report received from the Registrar, Abhilashi University, Mandi, Himachal Pradesh in respect of School of Veterinary Sciences, Abhilashi University, Chailchowk, Tehsil Chachyot, District Mandi, Himachal Pradesh together with the recommendations made by the Executive Committee in its meeting held on 18/11/2025 for the purpose of recommendation for Renewal of LOP.

The Council has gone through the inspection report, observation of the Executive Committee meeting dated 18.11.2025 as well as comments furnished by the Applicant



University. The Council observed that the applicant college fulfils the minimum requirements in terms of land, building, infrastructure facilities, LFC, VCC and teaching manpower, laboratories and library facility as provided under VCI Rules, 2017 read with VCI Regulations, 2016.

Hence, Council decided to recommend to the Central Government for Renewal of Letter of Permission for 3rd and 4th BVSc& AH degree course programme for the academic year 2026-27 and 2027-28 in respect of School of Veterinary Sciences, Abhilashi University, Chailchowk, Tehsil Chachyot, District Mandi, Himachal Pradesh as provided under rule 9(8) of VCI Rules, 2017. It was further decided that the inspection report as well as comments received from the applicant University shall also be sent to the Central Government as provided under Rule 9(8) of VCI Rules, 2017.

88(3) To consider the Letter No.CUTM/SOVAS/71/2025 dated 23.12.2025 received from the Registrar, Centurion University of Technology & Management, Odisha regarding comments on the Visitor Report of School of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Gajapati, Odisha under Centurion University of Technology and Management, Odisha together with the recommendations made by the Executive Committee in its meeting held on 05/12/2025 for the purpose of recommendations for Final Recognition.

The Council considered the Letter No.CUTM/SOVAS/71/2025 dated 23.12.2025 received from the Registrar, Centurion University of Technology & Management, Odisha regarding comments on the Visitor Report of School of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Gajapati, Odisha under Centurion University of Technology and Management, Odisha together with the recommendations made by the Executive Committee in its meeting held on 05/12/2025 for the purpose of recommendations for Final Recognition.

After detailed discussion, Council observed that as the matter pertains to Final Recognition in respect of aforesaid college under VCI Rules, 2017 and also considering the schedule of dates, it was decided that the College may be again inspected as per the provisions of VCI Rules, 2017 immediately in this month before arriving any decision related to final recommendation to the Central Government.

It was also decided that as the matter is urgent due to schedule of dates as prescribed under VCI Rules, 2017, in this regard inspection report may be considered by holding a Special meeting of the Council on online.

88(4) To consider the Letter No.12214/Acad. I/2014 dated 17.12.2025 received from the Registrar, Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Tirupati regarding comments on the observation of Executive Committee on the inspection report of College of Veterinary Science, Garividi under Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Tirupati together with the recommendations made by the Executive Committee in its meeting held on 18/11/2025 for the purpose of recommendations for Final Recognition.

The Council considered the Letter No.12214/Acad. I/2014 dated 17.12.2025 received from the Registrar, Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Tirupati regarding comments on the observation of Executive Committee on the inspection report of College of Veterinary Science, Garividi under Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Tirupati together with the recommendations made by the Executive Committee in its meeting held on 18/11/2025 for the purpose of recommendations for Final Recognition.



The Council observed that there are only 71 teaching staff available at the College as per the compliance report, whereas, 77 teaching manpower are required as per VCI Regulations, 2016.

In view of above, Council decided that this fact may be informed to the applicant University/ College and compliance on this matter shall be obtained from the University. Thereafter, Council shall depute visitor team for assessing the facilities in terms of teachers only for the purpose of recommending to the Central Government for Final Recognition.

88(5) To consider the Inspection Report in respect of Veterinary College, Athani under Karnataka Veterinary, Animal & Fisheries Sciences University, Bidar for the purpose of Renewal of Letter of Permission for Third and Fourth BVSc& AH programme together with the recommendations made by the Executive Committee in its meeting held on 8/1/2026 for the purpose of Renewal of Letter of Permission for Third and Fourth BVSc& AH programme.

The Council considered the Inspection Report in respect of Veterinary College, Athani under Karnataka Veterinary, Animal & Fisheries Sciences University, Bidar for the purpose of Renewal of Letter of Permission for Third and Fourth BVSc& AH programme together with the recommendations made by the Executive Committee in its meeting held on 8/1/2026 for the purpose of Renewal of Letter of Permission for Third and Fourth BVSc& AH programme.

The Council has gone through the inspection report, observation of the Executive Committee meeting dated 08.1.2026 as well as comments furnished by the applicant University. The Council observed that the applicant college fulfils the minimum requirements in terms of land, building, infrastructure facilities, LFC, VCC and teaching manpower, laboratories and library facility as provided under VCI Rules, 2017 read with VCI Regulations, 2016.

Hence, Council decided to recommend to the Central Government for Renewal of Letter of Permission for 3rd and 4th BVSc& AH degree course programme for the academic year 2026-27 and 2027-28 in respect of Veterinary College, Athani under Karnataka Veterinary, Animal & Fisheries Sciences University, Bidar as provided under rule 9(8) of VCI Rules, 2017. It was further decided that the inspection report as well as comments received from the applicant university/college shall also be forwarded to the Central Government as provided under Rule 9(8) of VCI Rules, 2017.

88(6) To consider the Inspection Report in respect of College of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Akola under Maharashtra Animal & Fishery Sciences University, Nagpur, Maharashtra for Renewal of Letter of Permission for Third and Fourth B.V.Sc.&A.H programme together with the recommendations made by the Executive Committee in its meeting held on 8/1/2026 for the purpose of Renewal of Letter of Permission for Third and Fourth BVSc& AH programme.

The Council considered the Inspection Report in respect of College of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Akola under Maharashtra Animal & Fishery Sciences University, Nagpur, Maharashtra for Renewal of Letter of Permission for Third and Fourth B.V.Sc.&A.H programme together with the recommendations made by the Executive Committee in its meeting held on 8/1/2026 for the purpose of Renewal of Letter of Permission for Third and Fourth BVSc& AH programme.

The Council has gone through the inspection report, observation of the Executive Committee meeting dated 08.1.2026 as well as comments furnished by the applicant University. The Council observed that the College does not fulfil the minimum requirements

as laid down under VCI Rules, 2017 read with MSVE Regulations, 2016 in terms of teaching manpower. As there are only 06 Professor, 06 Assoc. Professor and 16 Asstt. Professor and 01 Farm Manager. Whereas, as per VCI Rules, 2017 read with MSVE Regulation's, 2016, 09 Professors, 08 Assoc. Professors and 25 Asstt. Professors and 02 Farm Manager are required for the purpose of recommendation of Renewal of Letter of Permission to the Central Government. Further, it has observed from the inspection and compliance report, that the infrastructure facilities in terms of VCC building, library building, academic-cum-administrative building, girls hostel, examination hall building are under construction.

Hence, Council after detailed discussion, decided not to recommend to the Central Government for issue of Renewal of Letter of Permission to the aforesaid College for the Third and Fourth B.V.Sc. & A.H programme at this stage. However, looking at the first batch of students entering in third year in next year, University shall submit a compliance report towards fulfillment of aforesaid deficiencies to the Central Government for taking necessary decision in this regard within six months failing which this Central Government shall consider for transfer of students to other recognized colleges in the University.

88(7) To discuss the amendments to the provisions of the Indian Veterinary Council Act, 1984 together with the recommendations made by the Executive Committee in its meeting held on 8/1/2026.

The Council considered the matter regarding amendment in the existing provision of the Indian Veterinary Council Act, 1984.

After detailed deliberations, it was decided to hold a Special meeting on online for discussion in the existing provision of the IVC Act, 1984. For which all Members of the Council shall submit their comments in writing to the office of Council before 07 days of the proposed meeting so that Council could discuss and finalize it for the purpose of submission to the Central Government.

88(8) To reconsider the Draft Veterinary Practice Regulations in accordance with the legal opinion provided by the Legislative Department, Government of India, New Delhi together with the recommendations made by the Executive Committee in its meeting held on 8/1/2026.

The Council considered the Draft Veterinary Practice Regulations in accordance with the legal opinion provided by the Legislative Department, Government of India, New Delhi together with the recommendations made by the Executive Committee in its meeting held on 8/1/2026.

After detailed discussion, it was decided that the Accreditation chapter and Code of Ethics shall be deleted from the Draft Regulations and same shall be circulated to the State Governments for its comments.

88(10) To note the Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Veterinary Council India meeting held on 08/01/2026.

The Council noted the 147th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Veterinary Council of India held on 8/1/2026.

Any other items with the permission of the Chair.

1. The Council considered the Letter No.F()REg./RAJUVAS Jobner/2025-26/596 dated 02.1.2026 received from the Registrar, Rajasthan University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Jobner, Jaipur regarding Migration and transfer of Mr. Yuvraj Chaturvedi

from Apollo College of Veterinary Medicine, Jaipur for migration to Shourabh College of Veterinary Science, Hindaun City, Karauli, Rajasthan.

The Council observed that as per the notification dated 28th April, 2025 issued by the Central Government, the BVSc & AH qualification in respect of Shourabh College of Veterinary Science, Hindaun City, Karuli, Rajasthan affiliated Rajasthan University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Bikaner shall be considered as recognized w.e.f.20.07.2027. Further, VCI – MSVE Regulations, 2016 provides that migration may be considered only from one recognized veterinary college to another recognized veterinary college. Further, Regulation provides that such cases can be considered for consideration on merit. The applicant has not mentioned any valid ground for which he has sought migration. Hence, Council after detailed discussion, decided not to allow migration of Mr. Yuvraj Chaturvedi from Apollo College of Veterinary Medicine, Jaipur to Shourabh College of Veterinary Science, Hindaun City, Karauli, Rajasthan.

2. The Council considered the email dated 12.1.2026 received from the Registrar, Rajasthan University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Bikaner forwarding therewith the request for Transfer of Mr. Manan Singh Godara from College of Veterinary & Animal Science, Navania, Uadipur to College of Veterinary & Animal Science, Bikaner in B.V.Sc.&A.H second year. The Council observed that no details or NOC have been received from the University. Hence, Council decided that the University may be informed accordingly.
3. The Council considered the email dated 09.1.2026 received from NIC forwarding therewith the Draft RFP and requested to Vett by the Department. The Council decided to constitute Committee comprising of One member of VCI, Assistant Secretary, VCI and One Member from NIC for finalisation of Draft RFP before submitting to the Administrative Department for approval and thereafter same shall be uploaded on GeM for invitation of Bid. The Council also noted the PI received from NIC for amount of (Rs.11.12 Lakhs including GST) appointment of one consultant for 3 months and 12 days for RFP related issues, their finalization and uploading on GeM and clarification on Technical matters which shall be asked by the Bidder and finalization of tender in terms of technical and financial as against 6 months. Therefore, Council decided that same shall be submitted to the Administrative Department for getting its approval so that funds can be transferred to NIC (NICS) for engaging one consultant. Extension beyond 3 months and 12 days will be taken up separately with NIC (NICS) and Department depending on requirement.
4. The Council considered the Letter No. ABNSF/01/2026/1122 dated 11.1.2026 received from the Akhil Bhartiya Niji Sansthan Federation wherein it was requested to issue direction again to the Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan, Rajasthan for not to issue the No Objection Certificate and Essentiality Certificate for the establishment of new Veterinary College in the State of Rajasthan. The Council discussed the matter and as per existing provisions of IVC Act, 1984 and Rules framed thereunder matter regarding establishment of College comes under the purview of respective State Government. The Council is concerned with fulfilment of the minimum requirements at the veterinary college for the purpose of continuance of its recognition and recommending to the Central Government for issue of LOI/LOP/ Renewal of LOP/ recognition.

In view of above, Council decided that a D.O. letter from the President, VCI may be taken up with the Secretary, Government of Rajasthan that the existing colleges (Government as well as private) in Rajasthan shall be directed to fulfilment

of minimum requirements as per VCI Regulations, 2016. The Council shall consider only those proposals in respect of newly proposed college who shall fulfil the minimum requirements as per VCI Rules, 2017 read with VCI Regulations, 2016.

5. The Council considered the Letter No.AVFU/R(K)/16/2025-26/3530 dated 09.1.2026 received from the Registrar, Assam Veterinary and Fishery Sciences University, Khanapara, Guwahati regarding nomination of one expert member of Veterinary Council of India in the Board of Management of the said newly University. The Council decided that the matter regarding nomination of one expert member of VCI in the Board of Management of the said newly University shall be decided by the President, VCI.
6. The Council unanimously nominated Dr. Niteen Patil, Member, VCI and Dr. P.H. Tank, Member, VCI as Member of Education Committee of VCI which was vacant on account of cessation of membership of Dr. K.N. Selvakumar, Ex-VC, TANUVAS, Chennai and Dr. Pramod Kumar Rout, Ex- Principal Scientist, ICAR, New Delhi. Further, Council authorised the President, VCI for nomination of member in other Committees against the vacancy.
7. The Council noted the Minutes of the 11th Meeting of the Disciplinary Committee of the Council held on 12th January, 2026 and approved the decision of Disciplinary Committee and decided to convey the decision accordingly.
8. The Council considered the Letter No:MVC/2026/1864 dated 09.1.2026 received from the Secretary, Mahala Veterinary College, Sikar forwarding therewith the order dated 08.1.2026 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature for Rajasthan at Jodhpur in S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 322/2026 filed by Mahala Veterinary College, Sikar Vs. Veterinary Council of India and other wherein Hon'ble High Court vide order dated 08.1.2026 passed the following order:
 - (i) The impugned dated circular 20.08.2025 (Annex.11) issued by the respondent V.C.I. may kindly be quashed and set aside and
 - (ii) The Condition of Minimum qualifying marks of NEET-UG examination for admission in B.V.Sc. & AH Course may kindly be ordered to be removed/relaxed as has been done for other courses also by the Govt. of India, Directorate General of Health Services, Medical Counselling Committee, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi; wherein percentile has been reduced from 15 to 10 percentile for different courses.
 - (iii) The respondent may kindly be further directed to permit the humble petitioner institution to admit the students without having qualifying marks in NEET-UG;
 - (iv) The respondents may also kindly be directed to relax and enroll the students who have already been admitted under the directions of this Hon'ble Court.

2. Counsel for the petitioner submits that in an identical controversy, the High Court of Delhi vide order dated 23.12.2025, has disposed of the writ petition being W.P.(C) No.19550/2025 titled "Kent Homoeopathic Medical College and Hospital & Ors. v. Union of India & Ors.", while directing respondents to treat the writ petition as a representation and decide the same while passing a speaking order. He further submits that the petitioner would be satisfied if a similar order is passing in the present writ petition as well.

3. In view of prayer so made, the respondent No.1-Veterinary Council of India, is directed to treat the instant writ petition as a representation and decide the same while passing a speaking order, strictly in accordance with law, within a period of 'four weeks' from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order instant.

4. Needless to say that the petitioner will be at liberty to take recourse to appropriate legal remedies in case of any surviving grievance.

5. It is made clear that the order instant does not indicate the representation of the petitioners to be decided in a particular manner. The respondents are required to examine the documents and decide the same, strictly in accordance with law.
6. With the above observations and directions, the instant writ petition stands disposed of. Stay application as well as all other pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of."

The Council noted that the similar case was also filed by the M.R. Rural Education Society vide CWP No.30901 of 2025 before the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh wherein this Council was also respondent in the matter wherein Hon'ble Court in para 6,7 & 8 has held as under:

"We do not find any error in the decision of the VCI in as much as holding of NEET examination is by the National Testing Agency (NTA) which is uniformly applied and accepted for most of the medical courses throughout the country. We are also of the view that mere appearance in NEET UG Examination, without qualifying, serves no purpose in as much as the minimum merit of a candidate would be tested based upon the qualification of NEET UG Examination only.

The condition put by the VCI that unqualified NEET UG merit ought not to be made the basis for admission appears to be a reasonable decision. Such decision is, otherwise, in consonance with law.

In such circumstances, we do not find any merit in the writ petition only because in the previous years unqualified NEET students were also allowed to participate."

The Council also noted that for admission to the BVSc & AH course in the State of Rajasthan, the affiliating University was also directed to hold a centralized counselling for admission to the BVSc & AH course in all the veterinary colleges which is recognized/ provisionally recognized under the provision of IVC Act, 1984.

Hence, the issue raised by the petitioner namely Mahala Veterinary College that the admission to BVSc & AH course is based only from the NEET qualified candidate is not true & correct. In the instant case, affiliating University namely RAJUVAS, Bikaner has conducted its own entrance test and admission to BVSc & AH course and hold centralized counselling for all the veterinary colleges including the petitioner college. Hence, admission has been allowed at the veterinary colleges in the Rajasthan through centralized counselling conducted by the affiliating university as well as merit list from the NEET qualified candidates. As the VCI has been established under the provision of IVC Act, 1984 and Council in exercise of power conferred under Section 22 read with Section 21 framed VCI – MSVE Regulations, 2016 and Regulations 7(1) of aforesaid Regulation provides as under:

"The selection of students for admission to Bachelor of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry Degree Course in Government or Private Colleges shall only be on the basis of merit through a competitive entrance examination conducted by University or State Government or Veterinary Council of India to achieve a uniform evaluation, as there may be variation among students at qualifying examinations conducted by different agencies and reservation policy shall be as per Government of India for Veterinary Council of India seats and for States as per their reservation policy."

Hence, VCI In exercise of such powers has issued circular dated 20.8.2025 for prescribed NET qualified candidate as the minimum criteria for admission to BVSc & AH course.

Further, Council observed that the admission criteria prescribed for veterinary course are similar to those of medical education and duration of the course of BVSc

& AH degree programme are at par with MBBS course i.e. five and half years. Further, in Government employment in central government pay parity of veterinarians are similar to those of medicos.

In view of facts, Council decided not to relax minimum eligibility criteria for admission to BVSc & AH course in terms of NEET qualified candidate. Accordingly, Secretary, VCI is authorized to pass an appropriate order in this regard as per direction of the Hon'ble Court order dated 08.1.2026 passed in SB CWP No.322/2026 by the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature of Rajasthan at Jodhpur.

9. The Council considered the matter regarding land use conversion and information received from DMS and CPWD. It was decided that the same may be conveyed to DDA and copy to Central Government with a request to take up the matter with DDA so that land use conversion is done on urgent basis and CPWD may also be requested to follow up the matter.
10. The Council considered the D.O. Letter No.NTA/NEET-UG/2026 dated 09.1.2026 of National Testing Agency an autonomous organization under the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India and decided to use NEET(UG) qualified Merit list for allocation of seats under 15% All India quota for admission to B.V.Sc & AH course during the academic session 2026-27. Information in this regard shall be conveyed to NTA by 16th January, 2026. Further, it was also decided that the Universities/ colleges shall also be advised to use NEET(UG) qualified merit list for admission to BVSc & AH course for 85% State quota so that uniformity in the matter of admission to BVSc & AH course across the country could be maintained. For this purpose, University/ College may issue advertisement at their own level so that large number of students could participate in NEET(UG) examination which shall be conducted by NTA.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to Chair.

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Dated: 14/1/2026
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