

## Dr Apurba Chakraborty Superannuates in December, 2018



**Dr Apurba Chakraborty (66)**, an eminent Veterinary Pathologist has been retired as Officer on Special Duty to the Vice Chancellor, Assam Agricultural University, Khanapara, Guwahati, Assam on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018. Dr Apurba was born on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 1953 at Nalbari district, Assam. Dr Chakraborty completed his graduation in Veterinary Science with merit in 1976 from AAU, Khanapara, Guwahati. He pursued higher education in Veterinary Pathology leading to MVSc degree in 1978 and PhD in 1991 from the same University. He joined as Lecturer in the Department of Pathology, College of Veterinary Science, AAU in 1978 and worked in various capacities including Professor and in 2008 joined as Director of Research (Vety.) at Assam Agricultural University. After successful completion of two terms (2008 to 2018) as Director of Research (Vety.) he joined as Officer on Special Duty to the Vice Chancellor of AAU. His major area of research interest has been diseases of wild animals. Dr Chakraborty made notable contributions in wildlife disease investigation and diagnosis and recorded a number of rare and emerging infectious, mycotic and parasitic diseases of wild animals including rhinoceros and elephants. He is known for his expertise in histopathological and scanning electron microscopy interpretations. He has been actively involved in teaching, research and extension activities. Dr Chakraborty has organised 11 refresher courses/ workshops/ trainings, out of which six refresher courses were on Health Managements of Elephants from the fund of Project Elephant, Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India. Dr Chakraborty was founder Project Coordinator of a mega project on Advance Animal Disease Diagnosis and Management Consortium of DBT which had a total outlay of Rs 3625.62 Lakhs for five years.

Dr Chakraborty is very popular amongst students and actively associated with games and sports events and was the best athlete of the University and represented University in football in his student life. He has guided 6 MVSc students as major advisor and completed three research projects as Principal Investigator and 6 as Co-Principal Investigator sponsored by ICAR and Central Zoo Authority. He has published 164 research papers in journals of national and international repute, 57 popular articles in vernacular language, 3 book chapters and co-authored one book on “Colour Atlas of Diseases and Disorders of Wildlife”. He has been the recipient of IAVP-Dr C.M. Singh Award (1995) and IAVP-Varsha Award (2002) and IVJ-Dr S.K. Nair Memorial Award (1997), Intas Polivet Award in 2001 and 2006 and Life time Achievements Award from Association of Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians in 2007. He was also awarded with Fellowship of National Academy of Veterinary Sciences, India in 2008 and Fellow of Indian Association of Veterinary Pathologists in 2015. He is recipient of IAVP-Dr P.P.Gupta Oration, 2019. Dr Chakraborty has been conferred with the Prani Mitra Award in 2019 jointly by the Blue Cross Society and the Veterinary Fraternity of Assam. He has a patent to his credit (2008).

Dr Chakraborty is actively associated with the committee responsibilities of different ICAR institutes viz. QRT member of CIRG, Makhdoom, RMC member of ICAR-NRC on

Pig, NRC-Yak and NRC-Mithun. He also acted as member in different committees of ICAR and Department of Biotechnology,GOI. He has been on the panel of Veterinary Council of India as Inspector for evaluation of Veterinary Colleges and as Supervisor/ Observer for Veterinary Entrance Tests for several years. He has worked with Central Zoo Authority and on Project Elephant as expert member in committees as well as for evaluation of Zoos of India; besides being the expert committee member of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission. He has traveled to Nepal, Singapore and Thailand.

Dr Chakraborty is very polite, friendly, cooperative, hard working and very knowledgeable in various facets of his work. He was considered as an able and a dynamic administrator of Assam Agricultural University. **IAMP wishes him a long, happy, healthy and peaceful post retirement life.**