## Dr. Gautam Kumar Baruah (1953-2017)



**Dr. Gautam Kumar Baruah,** Professor and Head, Department of Veterinary Pathology, College of Veterinary Science, Assam Agricultural University, Khanapara, Guwahati was born on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 1953 at Nagaon, Assam. He did B.V.Sc. & A.H. and M.V.Sc. (Veterinary Pathology) degree's from Assam Agricultural University, Guwahati in 1974 and 1977, respectively. He obtained his Ph.D. degree Veterinary Pathology discipline from Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana in 1984.

He worked as Veterinary Assistant Surgeon in Bovine Contagious Pleuro Pneumonia Scheme during 1976-1977; Lecturer at Department of Pathology, College of Veterinary Science, Khanapara with effect from 1977 to 1978; Assistant Professor in same Department from 1978 to 1985 and Training Associate at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Napam, AAU from 1985 to 1986. Dr Baruah served as Deputy Director of Research (Veterinary) at AAU from 1986 to 1988, Associate Professor, Department of Pathology, C.V.Sc., AAU from 1986 to 1997, Professor, Department of Pathology, CVSc, Khanapara from 1997 to 2017, Head, Department of Pathology from March 1998 to 2003, and Professor and Head, Department of Pathology, C.V.Sc., AAU, Khanapara from 2009 to 2017.

He attended Summer Institute on Diagnostic Pathology held at Division of Pathology, IVRI, Izatnagar, Bareilly in 1979. He participated in the Training programme on manpower issues in Agricultural Sector at Institute of Applied Manpower Research, New Delhi in 1987. Dr Baruah attended a course on Introduction to Computer and its Appliances at Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology, Guwahati in 1988. He was elected as Teacher's Representative of Veterinary Faculty in the Board of Management, Assam Agricultural University for tenure of 5 years from 2002 to 2007.

Dr Baruah published 40 scientific papers, 2 popular articles, and broadcasted 4 radio talks and participated in 2 television discussions. He guided 3 M.V.Sc. and 2 Ph.D students in Veterinary Pathology. He served as member advisory committee of 5 M.V.Sc. and 2 Ph.D. scholars. He was Life Member of Indian Association of Veterinary Pathologists, Indian Science Congress Association, Indian Association of Veterinary Microbiologists, Immunologists and Specialist in Infectious Diseases and Blue Cross Society, Assam. He was Member of the Assam Veterinary Council and Indian Veterinary Association. He also served as Committee Member of 'State Monitoring and Control of Bird Flu of Assam' constituted by the Government of Assam; Chairman, Works Supervising and Monitoring Committee, AAU, Khanapara Campus; Member, Sports Development Committee; Member, Animal Health Advisory Committee, Assam State Zoo; Member, Technical Advisory Committee, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department, Government of Assam.

Dr Baruah organized 27<sup>th</sup> IAVP Conference in November, 2010 at Department of Veterinary Pathology, College of Veterinary Science, AAU, Khanpara, Guwahati, Assam. He suddenly expired on 7th January, 2017. It is great loss to Veterinary Profession and particularly to IAVP.