

CV: Harish Tiwari

Dr Harish Tiwari has a PhD from Murdoch University, Australia. A graduate of Assam Agricultural University, India, Dr Tiwari was commissioned to the Remount Veterinary Corps of the Indian Army, where he served in various positions in peace and field locations for 16 years before taking voluntary retirement as a Lieutenant Colonel (Lt Col). A recipient of the ICAR Junior Research Fellowship for his master's degree from PAU, Ludhiana, India, Dr Tiwari won the International Postgraduate Research Fellowship to pursue a doctorate in Australia. During his PhD research, he developed novel approaches to dog enumeration in India. He authored the thesis titled 'Free-roaming dog population, community perception and control of dog-related rabies: the Indian story'.

Harish was a Research Fellow with the Asia Pacific Consortium of Veterinary Epidemiology (APCOVE) project led by the University of Sydney to strengthen the veterinary workforce in Asia-Pacific for Infectious Disease Detection and Response (vet-APIDDaR). He has served as a consultant with AUSVET pty. Ltd', whence he mostly supported the Mycoplasma bovis education programme in New Zealand, besides working on the FAO project. He also provides freelance consultancy for various projects for WOAAH (World Organisation for Animal Health) and CHAI (Clinton Health Access Initiative). Dr Tiwari is currently the Wellcome Trust/DBT India Clinical & Public Health Intermediate fellowship to implement a One Health approach for rabies control in India.

Harish is a passionate veterinary epidemiologist dedicated to providing evidence-based solutions to control/eradicate animal diseases. A keen observer of the developing world's veterinary (and rural) issues and realise the immense potential the farm sector harbours to improve not only the economic but also the social standing of farmers and their families. Improving farmers' lives through improved farm practices would enable them to contribute towards Sustainable Developmental Goals (SDG) as envisaged by the UN.

His areas of interest are One Health, large animals' disease investigation, and welfare, with a keen interest in production diseases. He understands the integrated approach through operational or implementation epidemiology and its scope to make positive changes in the lives of people in general and the lives of farmers and rural populations in developing countries.