



National Veterinary Dean Council:

A network of VEEs and a gateway for effective collaboration
between VEE and VSB in Bangladesh

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Veterinary Education Establishments in Bangladesh

- Bangladesh Agricultural University
- Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University
- Sylhet Agricultural University
- Hajee Mohammad Danesh Science and Technology University, Dinajpur
- Patuakhali Science and Technology University
- University of Rajshahi
- Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University, Gazipur
- Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Dhaka
- Jhenaidah Government Veterinary College
- Gono Bishwabidhyalay, Savar, Dhaka (private university)
- Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University, Gopalganj
- Sirajganj Government Veterinary College
- Khulna Agricultural University



Emergence of the National Veterinary Dean Council in Bangladesh

- FAO ECTAD Bangladesh has been supporting **veterinary workforce development** as a component of its project with the Department of Livestock Services since 2015
- FAO organized a stakeholder workshop and a national dialogue on the Future of Veterinary Services in Bangladesh in December 2015 and August 2016, respectively.
- Those meetings recommended that “**a mechanism of coordination among the veterinary academic institutions should be established to harmonize and promote educational changes in all the institutions**”
- Finally on **04 October 2016** the Deans/Chairman/Head of 10 VEEs of Bangladesh officially formed the **National Veterinary Dean Council (NVDC)**, through a joint declaration



The objectives of the NVDC as stated in the declaration

1. Enable institutions to **learn from each other** as well as develop a shared repertoire of curriculum resources;
2. Promote **shared thinking and doing** based on the exchange of visions, experiences, documentation, research and technical cooperation on veterinary education at national level;
3. Contribute to attain an effective community with practice focus on **fostering veterinary educational capacity building** through updating curriculum, enhancing student learning, organizing workshops, seminars, conferences on veterinary education and training for faculty members on teaching and learning, establishing mechanisms for change, resource sharing, communication, scholarship and community activity.

Bangladesh Veterinary Council –

The Veterinary Statutory Body in Bangladesh

<http://bvc.gov.bd>

- Bangladesh Veterinary Council (BVC) was first formed in 1983 following the promulgation of the “Bangladesh Veterinary Practitioners Ordinance 1982”
- Recently, the “Bangladesh Veterinary Council Act 2019” has replaced the “Bangladesh Veterinary Practitioners Ordinance 1982”
- The power to regulate veterinary education was given to the Bangladesh Veterinary Council in both the previous ordinance and the present act
- In 2014, Bangladesh Veterinary Council adopted the “BVC Standard of Veterinary Education: Criteria and guidance for Bangladesh Veterinary Council (BVC) approval of veterinary degree courses in Bangladesh and overseas”
(<http://bvc.gov.bd/site/publications/de020788-fa0b-4280-abb8-1b112a86029d/->).

The activities of the National Veterinary Dean Council

With technical assistance from FAO

- ✓ Coordination of pedagogy training for veterinary teachers
- ✓ Collaboration with BVC for accreditation site visit at veterinary schools
- ✓ Establishment of the Bangladesh College of Veterinary Surgeons (BCVS)
- ✓ Supporting continuing education for veterinarians

Pedagogy training

- FAO supported pedagogy training on disease control curriculum for teachers of different veterinary schools with technical assistance from Tufts University, USA
- A total of 48 faculties were trained in three cohorts
- The trained faculties formed Bangladesh Veterinary Pedagogy Forum and started disseminating their knowledge to other colleagues
- The NVDC played a pivotal role providing necessary coordination support
- The NVDC also developed uniform guidelines and tools for teachers' evaluation



BVC Accreditation Site Visit to Veterinary Schools

- FAO facilitated coordination meeting between BVC and NVDC to develop a consensus on BVC site visit to veterinary schools for accreditation
- BVC standards and guidelines were reviewed in an workshop participated by the members of BVC and NVDC and international experts
- With technical assistance from FAO and Tufts University, BVC organized consultative site visits to six veterinary schools
- Recently, BVC implemented the first formal accreditation site visit to Gono Bishwabidyalay and conditionally approved its degree program
- BVC and NVDC have jointly planned further site visits to other veterinary schools in near future

Establishment of the Bangladesh College of Veterinary Surgeons (<https://bcvsbd.org>)

- In 2017 BVC and NVDC came to a consensus to develop and implement a national veterinary board examination for licensing veterinary practitioners with support from FAO
- However, the veterinary community was not ready for a compulsory licensing examination
- In 2019 NVDC organized a round table discussion with all the veterinary stakeholders and decided in favour of a voluntary board examination instead of a mandatory licensing examination
- Accordingly, NVDC established the **Bangladesh College of Veterinary Surgeons (BCVS)** to administer the voluntary board examination. With assistance from FAO and Tufts University BCVS developed a computer-based MCQ examination system, operated by an international testing service provider (Prometric).
- The successful candidates are admitted as the **Member of the College of Veterinary Surgeons (MCVS)** as a recognition to their excellence in professional competence. Ten candidates qualified for MCVS in the first round of the test.

*Congratulations
to the first cohort of*

MCVS

**Member of
the College of
Veterinary
Surgeons**

Dr. Mohammed Nooruzzaman
BVC Reg No. 3352

Dr. Md. Sirazul Islam
BVC Reg No. 6099

Dr. Md. Shamsur Rahman
BVC Reg No. 380

Dr. Md. Shazit Hasan Joy
BVC Reg No. 6114

Dr. Md. Golbar Hossain
BVC Reg No. 1786

Dr. Shamarendra Narayan
BVC Reg No. 2154

Dr. Eaftekhar Ahmed Rana
BVC Reg No. 5194

Dr. Mohammad Mahibullah
BVC Reg No. 4712

Dr. Tanvir Ahmad Nizami
BVC Reg No. 6566

Dr. Abdur Rahman
BVC Reg No. 7011

Bangladesh College of Veterinary Surgeons (BCVS)



The first cohort of MCVS

Continuing education for veterinarians

- With technical assistance from FAO, the NVDC, DLS, BVC, BVA and BCVS have formed a forum for Continuing Education for Veterinarians (CEVET)
- CEVET Forum has been organizing annual CEVET conferences since 2017 with technical assistance from FAO
- BCVS has been entrusted with the authority of offering CE credits to the participants of CEVET and other CE events



Impact so far ----

- Emerging culture of shared thinking among the VEEs
- Harmonized efforts for educational capacity building and quality assurance
- Mutual trust and effective collaboration between VEEs and VSB – a win-win situation

Thank you