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The Indian Society for Study of Animal Reproduction

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40th ANNUAL CONVENTION & INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

on

“Animal Reproduction in a Changing World: Addressing Challenges and Embracing Opportunities”

December 10 – 12, 2025

Organized by

Department of Veterinary Gynaecology and Obstetrics
Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Veterinary Education & Research,
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ISSAR Puducherry Chapter

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Invitation to the 40th Annual Convention of ISSAR and International Symposium

The Department of Veterinary Gynaecology and Obstetrics, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Veterinary Education and Research (RIVER), Puducherry, cordially invites you to participate in the **40th Annual Convention of the Indian Society for the Study of Animal Reproduction (ISSAR) and the International Symposium** on “**Animal Reproduction in a Changing World: Addressing Challenges and Embracing Opportunities**”, to be held from **December 10th to 12th 2025**.

Reproductive efficiency remains a cornerstone of profitable livestock farming. Optimal fertility depends on multiple factors, including high-quality semen and oocytes, a pathogen-free uterine environment, sound nutrition, effective management, and the integration of cutting-edge reproductive biotechnologies. Despite significant progress in these areas—such as improved disease diagnostics, herd management, and advanced techniques like in vitro fertilization—achieving consistently high conception rates in livestock continues to pose a challenge. Similar concerns exist in the realm of companion animal reproduction too. With global climatic and managerial shifts, a multidisciplinary approach is essential to ensure reproductive efficiency and productivity. Therefore, this symposium aims to bring together experts, researchers, and practitioners to explore multifaceted strategies for enhancing reproductive success in both livestock and companion animals.

Your active participation and insights will be instrumental in shaping future recommendations for policymakers, with the goal of improving fertility outcomes and boosting productivity in the livestock sector aligning with the goals of Viksit Bharat 2047.

We look forward to welcoming you to this important event and to your valuable contributions to the discussions.

ABOUT HOST INSTITUTE

Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Veterinary Education and Research (RIVER) is fully funded by the Government of Puducherry and is affiliated to the Pondicherry University, and established as per VCI regulations. Since its inception in 1994, the Institute has made spectacular progress owing to the excellent support extended by the Government of Puducherry. All the academic departments have been established as per the mandatory stipulations of the Veterinary Council of India (VCI). The faculty are from reputed colleges and institutions from various parts of the country. Currently, the Institute admits 100 students for BVSc & AH degree programme. The Institute also offers MVSc and PhD degree programmes. The UGC has awarded 2(f) and 12(B) status to RIVER in recognition of its dedicated services in the area of veterinary education and research. ICAR and NAAC accreditation has also been awarded to this institute. The prestigious Chief Minister's award for Excellence in Public Administration was also awarded to this institute in 2022.

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A Coastal Gem of French Charm and Spiritual Serenity

Pondicherry, officially known as **Puducherry**, is a vibrant coastal town in southern India, renowned for its unique fusion of **French colonial architecture**, **serene beaches**, and **spiritual retreats**. This former French colony stands out for its relaxed vibe, cultural richness, and charming streets, making it a perfect destination for both a laid-back vacation and cultural exploration.

Beaches in Pondicherry

Promenade Beach (Rock Beach):

Famous for its beautiful sunrise and also a favourite for evening strolls, this beach features a scenic promenade, historic statues (like the **Gandhi Statue**), and a rocky shoreline that enhances its dramatic charm. While swimming isn't ideal, the ambiance is unmatched.

Marina Beach:

Unlike the rocky Promenade Beach, this area offers a stretch of sandy coastline where tourists can walk along the shore and enjoy the sea more directly. Here you can also recreational hub.

Paradise Beach:

Accessible by boat from **Chunnambar Boat House**, Paradise Beach is known for its golden sands, lush surroundings, and recreational water activities. It's a lively and picturesque spot.

Serenity Beach:

As the name suggests, this is a peaceful haven ideal for quiet reflection or a relaxing morning. It's also popular with surfers.



Gandhi Statue



Promenade Beach



Aayi Mandapam

Spiritual and Cultural Attractions

Sri Aurobindo Ashram:

A serene spiritual centre founded by Sri Aurobindo and The Mother, known for its meditative atmosphere and philosophy of integral yoga.



*Matrimandir,
Auroville*



*Aurobindo
Ashram*

Auroville:

Located just outside the city, this international township is a visionary experiment in human unity and sustainable living. At its heart is the **Matrimandir**, a striking golden dome symbolizing universal spirituality.

Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

A stunning example of Gothic architecture, this church is known for its intricate stained-glass work and serene ambiance.

Manakula Vinayagar Temple:

It is a small but very famous Ganesh temple situated near the Ashram.

Meeran Mosque:

Considered the oldest mosque in Puducherry, it showcases the city's diverse religious fabric and peaceful coexistence.

Other Attractions

French Quarter (White Town):

Walk through quaint colonial lanes dotted with mustard-yellow buildings, chic cafes, art galleries, and boutiques. It's a photographer's paradise and a cultural treat.

Sunday Market

It is perhaps Pondicherry's most popular hangout. The market provides a wide choice of products at reasonable prices

Botanical Garden:

A tranquil spot with a variety of indigenous and exotic plants, ideal for nature lovers and families.

Chunnambar Boat House:

A launch point for backwater boating, kayaking, and visits to Paradise Beach. Great for a day of fun and relaxation.

Local Shopping:

Explore shops offering handmade candles, soaps, essential oils, paper lanterns, artisan crafts, incense, and textiles—perfect souvenirs of Pondicherry's creative spirit.

Best Time to Visit Pondicherry: December

December is arguably the best time to visit Pondicherry, with daytime temperatures ranging between **23°C and 27°C**. The weather is pleasantly cool and ideal for beach visits, sightseeing, and enjoying the city's vibrant cafes and promenades.

How to Reach Pondicherry

Pondicherry is well connected to the rest of India via a large network of National Highways, a Railway Terminal and a Domestic Airport. It is also in close proximity to International airports.

By Air

Puducherry's Domestic airport is connected to Bengaluru and Hyderabad via daily flights.

Another way to reach Pondicherry by air is to fly into Chennai International Airport (MAA) and then take a Bus or Taxi to Pondicherry. Chennai International Airport (MAA) located about 140 kilometres away from Pondicherry. Travel from Chennai to Pondicherry: **1. By Bus:** Numerous buses, including air-conditioned options, operate between Chennai and Pondicherry. **2. By Taxi/Private Vehicle:** You can hire a taxi or private car for the journey, which takes approximately 3-4 hours.

By Rail

Puducherry Railway Station (PDY), is within the city limits and have daily connectivity to Villupuram, Chennai and Tirupati. While tri-weekly trains connect Pondicherry to Bangalore and Mumbai, other cities like Kolkata, Bhubaneswar, New Delhi, Mangalore and Kanyakumari are connected by a weekly train.

Villupuram Junction Railway Station, the nearest railway junction to Pondicherry, about 35 kilometres away. It offers regular train services to various destinations such as Chennai, Bangalore, Mumbai, Delhi, and Kolkata. Upon arrival at Villupuram Railway Station, you can easily access local transportation options like taxis or buses to reach Puducherry.

By Road

The best connectivity is definitely by road. Multiple buses ply daily to and fro between Chennai, Hyderabad and Bangalore.

TECHNICAL SESSIONS

Date		Scientific Session Details
10.12.25	FN	1. Inaugural Function
		2. C R Sane Oration
	AN	3. Bovine Gynaecology and Obstetrics
		4. Andrology, Semenology and Artificial Insemination
		5. Reproductive Biotechnology
11.12.25	FN	6. Clinical Case Presentation
		7. Small Ruminant and Swine Reproduction
		8. Companion Animal Reproduction
12.12.25	FN	9. Equine, Camel and Wild animal reproduction
		10. S. N. Luktuke Award Presentation
		11. Valedictory function

10.12.25 6.00 PM **General Body Meeting**

AWARDS

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| 1. ISSAR Fellowship Award | 9. ISSAR Best Field Veterinarian Award |
| 2. ISSAR Associate Fellowship Award | 10. ISSAR Travel Grant for PG Students |
| 3. Prof. Nils Lagerlof Memorial Award | 11. ISSAR Life Time Achievement Award |
| 4. Dr. G. B. Singh Memorial Award | 12. ISSAR Travel Grant Award for Retired Life Members |
| 5. Dr. R. D. Sharma Memorial Award | 13. Young Scientist / Best Presentation Award in Each Scientific Session |
| 6. Dr. N. C. Sharma Award | |
| 7. Dr. A. S. Kaikini Award | |
| 8. ISSAR Best State Chapter Award | |

ABSTRACTS

Organizing Committee, ISSARCON 2025, invites members, scientists, faculty and students to submit abstracts. Abstracts should be submitted by email to issarcon2025@river.edu.in on or before **20.11.2025**. The abstracts will be screened and acceptance will be intimated. The presenting author should be registered for the symposium and the number of abstracts per presenting author is limited to **two**.

FORMAT FOR ABSTRACT

Session: **3 / 4 / 5 / 6 / 7 / 8 / 9 / 10**

Preferred Mode of Presentation: **Oral / Poster**

TITLE OF THE ABSTRACT (CAPITAL & BOLD)

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*The abstract should be original and from quality research limited to **300 words** (in A4 size, Times New Roman, Font size-12, 1.5-line space). The abstract should include Background, Objectives, Methods, Results & Conclusions (continuously without any sub headings) & Keywords (5-6 words). The name of the presenting author should be underlined. Number of authors to be listed in each abstract should **not exceed Six**.*

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MODE OF PRESENTATION

Lead Papers: 12 minutes for Power point presentation and 3 minutes for discussion.

Oral presentation: Maximum 5 minutes for Power point presentation and 3 minutes for discussion

Digital poster presentation: Informative, attractive and self-explanatory digital posters in jpeg or pdf format with dimensions of 3 ft. (height) x 5 ft (width).

Delegate Category	On or before November 10 th , 2025	After November 10 th , 2025
ISSAR members	₹ 7,500	₹ 8,000
Non ISSAR members	₹ 8,000	₹ 8,500
Accompanying Person	₹ 4,000	₹ 4,500
PG Students	₹ 4,000	₹ 4,500
Retired Life members	Free	Free
Foreign Delegates	US \$ 200	US \$ 250

Note: PG Students are requested to submit a bonafide certificate from the HoD / Dean of the College / Institute.

MODE OF PAYMENT

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SCAN TO PAY



REGISTRATION

The registration can be done online at <https://forms.gle/PkVrvJBAKEYPt41t5>.
The details of registration fee paid may be submitted in the registration form.

ACCOMODATION

Types	Hotels
Premium Hotels	Residency Towers, Accord, Le Royal Park, Hotel Annamalai
Deluxe Hotels	Ram International, Hotel Jayaram
Budget Hotels	Hotel Jai Paradise, Hotel Karai

Note: Transport will be provided only from the above accommodations to the venue. It is likely to be challenging to get accommodation during December (Festive season) in Puducherry. Participants are requested to make advance online booking for the Hotel stay.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Early bird Registration : On or before 10.11.2025
- Registration with late fee : After 10.11.2025
- Abstract submission : On or before 20.11.2025

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