

Dr. Devendra Kumar,



Dr. Devendra Kumar was born on November 22, 1951 and did his B.V.Sc.&A.H. with Honours, M.V.Sc. and Ph.D. (Veterinary Parasitology) from G.B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Pantnagar. Dr. Kumar has been actively engaged in teaching, research and extension for the last 33 years at various institutions of country and retired as and Professor & Head, Department of Parasitology, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Veterinary Education and Research, Puducherry. He has conferred IAAVP and IATP National Fellows and awarded Smt. Nishamani Parija oration award. He has published 68 research papers, five review articles and three chapters in various areas of Parasitology. His review article on '*Taenia solium* cysticercosis in pigs' has been published in Helminthological Abstracts, CAB International, UK. Dr. Kumar participated and presented scientific papers in International Symposia of Food & Hygienists at Sweden and International Camel Symposia at Dubai, UAE.

Dr. Kumar served Indian Association of Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology (IAAVP) as Vice President and General Secretary. He has also served Indian Academy of Tropical Parasitology

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Dr. Kumar extensively contributed to the parasitic zoonoses particularly on immunodiagnosis and immunoprophylaxis of cysticercosis in pigs and *Toxocara canis*. He has for the first time identified *Cryptosporidium andersoni* in calves in India.