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*Dear Sir/Madam,*

As you may be aware, due to the ongoing steps to control and contain the COVID 19 pandemic, many states have gone for complete lockdown to check spread of the virus. It is necessary to ensure continuous emergency services in the animal husbandry and veterinary sector, especially in emergent animal health situations. These may include, but are not restricted to, emergency services like disease diagnosis and treatment, monitoring of any emergency livestock and poultry diseases, immediate disease reporting, etc.

Accordingly, it is requested that veterinary hospitals and dispensaries in the state, including private veterinary clinics, veterinary pathologies, animal shelters etc. function in the normal course and the veterinary services be considered in the list of 'Essential Services'.

However, veterinarians and related officials should ensure strict personal hygiene and avoid public gathering.

*Best regards,*

Yours sincerely,

*Upamanyu Basu*  
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Chief Secretary of All States and UTs.

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