Sher-e-Kashmir
University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Kashmir
Faculty of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry
Division of Livestock Production & Management

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Ministry of Science and Technology
Department of Science and Technology
National Council for Science & Technology Communication



NCSTC Research Storyteller Challenge

National-Level Veterinary Science Communication Competition

Bring out the Storyteller in you:

Tell the story of your research in a simple & non-technical style

Awards

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First Prize: ₹5,000	Second Prize: ₹3,000	Third Prize: ₹2,000	5 Consolation Prizes: ₹1,000 each

Publication: Selected/shortlisted stories shall be published, with due attribution to the author and institution.

Participation certificate to all authentic entries.

Last Date to apply: **20th, Nov. 2026**

Organized by:

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Scan the QR Code to participate: *or visit*
www.minivet.co.in/research-storyteller

About the Challenge:

The Research Storyteller Contest is a national-level science communication competition for conveyingscientific research in a clear and engaging language that can be understood bya common man who may or may not be from the science background. The aim isnot to make research sound complicated and technical, instead it is to make important research understandable, relevant, and memorable.Tell the story of your research in a way that answers simple questions like: What problem were you trying to solve, and how did you identify it? Why does this problem matter? What did you do? What did you discover? Why should anyone care? How is it useful to society or the beneficiary? What impact has it made or has the potential to make?

The golden rule:

Participants should not write the submission as a conventional scientific manuscript. The emphasis is on storytelling, clarity, and common public understanding.

Eligibility:

- Masters/ PhD/ Post-Docs/ Research Scholars, faculty members, scientists, veterinary professionals andother researchers involved in veterinary, animal, wildlife or related science fields.
- Entries should be based primarily on the participant's own research, thesis/dissertation, project, or scientific work. Participants can submit the story of the research that is ongoing, completed, published, or unpublished, provided that the information presented is accurate.

How to submit:

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Documents to be attached:

- Scanned copy of the application cum declaration form.
- Attested Plagiarism&AI detection certificate generated using university-approved software.
- Editable word file of your Research Story.

NOTE: The file-name of the documents to be uploaded should necessarily contain the applicant's name.

Submission Format:

Each participant may submit one entry in an editable Word Format.

- Story should have the following: Title, Authors, Affiliation, Main Story (upto 2000 words), Keywords.
- **Formatting:** Times New Roman, 12 pt, Line spacing: 1.5, Title: 14 pt, bold, centered, Page numbers: Bottom centric Language: English Word limit:upto 2000 words
- **Images:** Relevant images, cartoons, or graphics can be added to the document,provided there are no copyright violations. Maximum 2, with appropriate captions and permissions where applicable.

Originality, Research Ethics and Confidentiality:

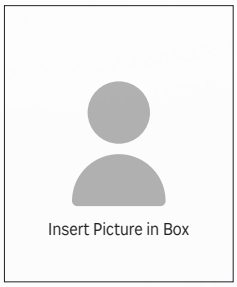
- Entries must be original and human-authored work based on the participant's own research.
- AI must not be used for writing, rewriting, paraphrasing, translation or substantial editing.
- Plagiarism, fabrication, falsification or misrepresentation of research findings will result in disqualification.
- All research claims and findings must be accurate and scientifically responsible.
- Participants must comply with applicable research ethics and institutional requirements.
- All confidential or identifiable information relating to animals, owners, patients, clients or other individuals must be removed or appropriately anonymized.
- Selected stories shall be published or featured by the organizers, with due attribution to the author and institution.
- By submitting, participants consent to such non-exclusive use and remain responsible for the content, originality, permissions and intellectual-property rights of their submission.

Contact:

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Submission-cum-Declaration Form

Name of the applicant	
Designation /current status	
Subject / Discipline	
Institution Name	
Institution Address	
State	
Highest qualification	
Email	
Contact	
Title of the research story	
Research Status:	☐ Ongoing ☐ Completed
This research is a part of:	MVSc/ MSc / PhD / Post Doc research / Project work/ Other (Mention below)
Mentor / Advisor Name (If applicable)	
Designation and affiliation of the Mentor / Advisor Name (If applicable)	

Participant Declaration

- I declare that the submitted story is my originalwork and is based on my own research. I have not used AI to write, rewrite, paraphrase, translate or substantially edit the submitted story. I confirm that the research information and findings presented are accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I understand that plagiarism, fabrication, falsification, misrepresentation or substantial copying may result in disqualification.
- I also confirm that confidential or identifiable information has not been disclosed without appropriate permission.
- I understand that selected/shortlisted stories may be published or featured by the organisers through institutional websites, publications, social media, newsletters or other science-communication platforms, with due attribution to the author and institution. I consent to such non-exclusive use.

Date:

Participant's Name & Signature

Advisor / Mentor / HOD / Dean Certification

I certify that the above participant is affiliated with the stated institution and that, to the best of my knowledge, the submitted story is based on the participant's own research/work and is original.

Date:

Signature of the Advisor/Mentor/HOD/Dean
Name & Designation/Official Seal