M.V.Sc. ADMISSION PROSPECTUS 2026-27

RAJIV GANDHI INSTITUTE OF VETERINARY EDUCATION AND RESEARCH (RIVER)

Kurumbapet, Puducherry – 605 009, INDIA

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M.V.Sc. DEGREE PROGRAMME

(As per PG Regulations 2022 approved by Pondicherry University)

Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Veterinary Education and Research (RIVER)

Kurumbapet, Puducherry - 605 009. INDIA

(Government of Puducherry Institution, affiliated to Pondicherry University)
(NAAC "B+" Grade Accreditation, UGC 2(f) & 12(B) status awarded Institute)

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Introduction

Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Veterinary Education and Research, Puducherry came into existence on 14th October 1994. This institute is wholly funded by the Government of Puducherry and is managed by a Board of Governors with Secretary to Government of Puducherry (Animal Husbandry) as the Chairman. The Institute has adopted Veterinary Council of India (VCI) regulations and curricula since its inception for the 5½ years Bachelor of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry (B.V.Sc. & A.H.) Degree Programme and the degree is recognized by the VCI. The Institute is affiliated to the Pondicherry University. The main campus with 59 acres is set on a picturesque locale adjoining the KVK campus at Kurumbapet, Puducherry. The institute campus is located in two zones, Zone A and B at Kurumbapet, which is about 5 kms from Puducherry town. The Administrative building, Academic blocks, Central library, Instructional Farm Complex, Veterinary Clinical Complex Fodder demonstration farm, Canteen, Student's co- operative stores and aviary cum fish pond are located in Zone A. The student's hostels, gymnasium and residential complex are located in Zone B.

RIVER has been awarded the 'Chief Minister's Award for excellence in Public Administration 2022' by the Govt. of Puducherry. A State of the art 'Centre for Translational Research cum Central Instrumentation facility' has recently been established for strengthening the research activities of the institute.



The Institute offers Post-Graduate programme (Master of Veterinary Science – M.V.Sc.), Post graduate Diploma in selected subjects and doctoral program in 5 departments.

MoU with other Institutions/Universities International Universities:

1. Purdue University, Indiana, USA
2. University of Connecticut, USA
3. University of Melbourne, Australia
4. University of Queensland, Australia
5. Charles Sturt University, Australia
6. University of Tuscia, Italy
7. University of Foggia, Italy
8. Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Nigeria
9. Hajee Mohammad Danesh Science and Technology University, Bangladesh
10. University of Malaysia, Kelantan
11. University of LaSella, France
12. University of Perugia, Italy
13. Gulf medical University, UAE

Indian Institutions

1. ICAR- CIRG, Makhdoom, UP
2. ICAR- NIANP, Bangalore, Karnataka
3. ICAR- NMRI, Hyderabad
4. ICAR-NIFMD, Bhubaneswar, Orissa
5. ICAR-Indian Institute of Agricultural Biotechnology, Ranchi
6. Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth Deemed to be University

1. Programme of Study

Master of Veterinary Science (M.V.Sc.) degree programme is a 2-year degree programme as per the ICAR syllabus 2022 and shall have four semesters. The programme includes 40 credits of course work, 30 credits of research work and compulsory non-credit courses.

2. Eligibility for admission

2.1 Academic Qualification: B.V.Sc & A.H Degree recognized by Veterinary Council of India with a minimum O.G.P.A of 6.0 in 10.0 point scale (5.0 for SC/ST candidates). In other grading systems OGPA/Marks will be appropriately proportioned with 10 point grading scale.

2.2 Age Limit: The candidate should not have completed 35 years as on the last date of submission of application (17.12.2026) (relaxable up to 5 years for SC/ST candidates**)**

3. Intake for M.V.Sc. 2026-27

The discipline wise total intake for M.V.Sc. degree programme for the academic year 2026-27 are as follows

Discipline	Total Seats	UT of Puducherry	Other State
Veterinary Biochemistry	2	1	1
Veterinary Medicine	3	2	1
Veterinary Gynaecology & Obstetrics	2	1	1
Veterinary Pathology	2	1	1
Veterinary Public Health & Epidemiology	3	2	1
Animal Nutrition	3	2	1
Animal Genetics & Breeding	2	1	1
TOTAL	**17**	**10**	**7**

4. Criteria for residence of UT of Puducherry

A candidate is considered to be a Puducherry resident if he/she is an Indian National and satisfies at least one of the following domicile criteria

(i) Those candidates or whose parent (either mother or father or both) or Guardian (in the case of children who have lost both the parents) has been residing continuously in this Union Territory for at least five years, immediately preceding to the last date of application. Candidates must furnish digitally verified residence certificate issued by the Department of Revenue & Disaster Management, Puducherry.

(ii) Those who have passed the Degree Examination and for that purpose had undergone academic studies continuously for 5 successive years immediately preceding the qualifying examination (including the year of the qualifying examination) in recognized educational institution(s) located in the U.T. of Puducherry and having their residence in the U.T. of Puducherry for 5 years continuously during that period. Mere stay in places such as residential hostel would not amount to residence.

(iii) Children of natives of UT of Puducherry who have declared any place in the UT of Puducherry as their home town and so certified by their respective heads of office. Nativity certificate in the enclosed. (G.O. Ms No. 64 dated 25-05-2006).

(iv) Children whose parents are Central Government Employees, State Government Employees, Defence Personnel, Central Paramilitary Forces, Employees of Public Sector Undertakings wholly or substantially run either by the Central Government or by the U.T. of Puducherry, posted and serving in the U.T. of Puducherry for at least a minimum continuous period of three years, immediately prior to the last date of submission of application.

(v) Children of defence Personnel who were killed or disabled in action and children of Central Government Servants / UT of Puducherry Government servants / Défense personnels / Employees of Public Sector Undertakings wholly or substantially run either by the Central Government or by the UT of Puducherry administration who died while in the service in the UT of Puducherry.

(vi) French Nationals residing in the U.T. of Puducherry who are covered by the terms of the "Treaty of Cession" shall be treated on a par with the candidates, provided they produce the prescribed residence certificate issued by the U.T. of Puducherry. Such French Nationals will be required to produce the residence certificate issued by the Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, Puducherry, not below the rank of Deputy Tahsildar. In addition, they should produce a certificate of registration issued for this purpose from the French Consulate, Puducherry.

5. Seat Matrix for M.V.Sc. 2026-27

The following seat allocation will be followed for the academic year 2026-27

Sl. No.	Discipline	UT of Puducherry						Other States						Grand Total
		UR	EWS	OBC	MBC	SC	Total	UR	EWS	OBC	SC	ST	Total	
1.	Veterinary Biochemistry	1					**1**			1			**1**	**2**
2.	Veterinary Medicine				1	1	**2**			1			**1**	**3**
3.	Veterinary Gynaecology & Obstetrics		1				**1**				1		**1**	**2**
4.	Veterinary Pathology				1		**1**					1	**1**	**2**
5.	Veterinary Public Health & Epidemiology	1		1			**2**	1					**1**	**3**
6.	Animal Nutrition	1				1	**2**	1					**1**	**3**
7.	Animal Genetics & Breeding	1					**1**	1					**1**	**2**
	Total	**4**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**10**	**3**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**7**	**17**

Note:

1. Unfilled reserved seat (if any) will be converted to unreserved seat in the final counseling and filled.
2. If sufficient number of candidates from U.T. of Puducherry is not available even after the conversion of reserved seats, the seats will be converted to other states Quota (Unreserved) and filled. Similarly, the vice versa will be followed in case of other states quota also.

6. Application Procedure

Application for admission should be made in the prescribed application form. The application form and other details can be downloaded from the Institute website**:** **www.river.edu.in**

A hard copy of the duly filled in application along with self-attested copy of relevant documents should be send to The Dean, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Veterinary Education & Research, Kurumbapet, Puducherry-605 009 **on or before 5 pm (17/12/2026)**. The envelope must be superscribed "Application for post graduate admission 2026- 27". A Non-Refundable Fee of Rs.1000/- (Rupees One Thousand only) should be transferred to the **RIVER SNA A/C No. 69480100010548, Bank of Baroda, RAGACOVAS Branch, IFSC Code: BARB0VJRAJI (Fifth digit is zero)** [Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred only for SC/ST candidates]. All the original documents with two good quality photographs should be brought on the day of examination. Without the payment of Application fee and original documents the candidate will not be allowed to write the entrance examination. Applications which are incomplete or received after the due date and time shall be rejected summarily and no correspondence will be entertained in this regard. Candidates who are employed should send their application form along with **NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE** through proper channel so as to reach this office on or before the due date. However, they can submit an advance copy along with the necessary certificates. If selected for the course he/she will be permitted to join the course only on production of relieving orders from the concerned employer.

Documents to be submitted along with Filled in Application

1. B.V.Sc. & A.H. Degree Certificate**
2. Transcripts of B.V.Sc. & A.H. Degree
3. Internship Completion Certificate
4. Veterinary Council Registration Certificate
5. Nationality Certificate*
6. Residence Certificate* [Only for the students of Puducherry]
7. Caste Certificate*
8. OBC & EWS certificate* (should be obtained on or after 01-04-2026)

* These certificates need to be recent and original.

** In case of the students who will be completing their degree on or before 17.12.2026, Course Completion Certificate from the respective institutions can be submitted in place of Degree Certificate/Provisional Degree Certificate.

7 . Selection Procedure for admission

All eligible candidates applying for M.V.Sc. Degree Programme will have to appear for PG Entrance Examination (PGEE 2026) to be conducted by RIVER. The list of eligible candidates for appearing the PGEE 2026 will be displayed in the RIVER website (www.river.edu.in) on 18.12.2026 by 5 pm.

PG Entrance Examination (PGEE 2026)

The original certificates will be verified at **9.00 am on 22.12.2026 (Tuesday)** at the Examination Hall, RIVER and the admit card will be issued. **PGEE 2026 will be conducted at 11.00 A.M. on 22.12.2026 (Tuesday)** at the Examination Hall of Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Veterinary Education and Research (RIVER), Kurumbapet, Puducherry. All the eligible candidates can appear for the Entrance Examination on the given date at their own risk. **All the original documents with two good quality photographs** should be brought on the day of examination. **Without the payment of Application fee and verification of the original documents the candidate will not be allowed to write the entrance examination**. **No separate intimation will be sent to the candidates for appearing in the Entrance Examination**. **No TA and DA will be paid to the candidates for appearing in the Examination.**

The duration of the Entrance Examination is two hours. The syllabus for the Entrance Examination shall be the entire syllabus prescribed by the VCI (MSVE 2016) for B.V.Sc & A.H Degree Programme. The paper will contain 200 Multiple Choice questions (200 marks) and the medium of examination shall be English.

Merit List

Among the candidates who secure a minimum of 50% (40% for SC/ST candidates) of cumulative marks obtained in the entrance examination and qualifying degree will only be considered for merit list. The selection of candidates will be based on a merit list drawn on cumulative marks obtained in the B.V.Sc/B.V.Sc & A.H examination (50%) and the entrance examination (50%). In case of a tie in the merit list i.e. candidates having obtained equal marks in the merit list, the *inter-se* merit will be decided in order of preference as under:

1. Marks obtained in the PGEE 2026
2. OGPA/ Marks in the Qualifying examinations
3. Age (Candidates older in age are given preference)

There is no Provision for Re-evaluation.

Counseling

Counseling for admission will be held at 10.00 am on **23-12-2026 (Wednesday) at the Office of the Dean, RIVER, Puducherry**. The candidates appearing for counseling are required to pay the entire requisite fee for I Semester of I M.V.Sc in the form of Demand Draft and submit all the original certificates (as listed in para 14). The admission letter will be issued to the selected candidates on the same day on receipt of the above.

8. Fee Structure

Details of Tuition Fee and other Fee for the M.V.Sc course is given below

Category	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Admission fee	5750	-	-	-
Tuition fee	21850	21850	21850	21850
Special fee (Lab, Comp, Lib)	13770	13430	13430	13430
Exam fee (Int.)	600	600	600	600
Student welfare fee	1200	-	1200	-
Sports fee	1000	-	1000	-
Insurance fee	240	-	240	-
Id card fee	200	-	-	-
Co-op member fee	130	-	-	-
Student council fee	600	-	600	-
Magazine fee	300	-	300	-
Caution Deposit*	5000	-	-	-
Total	**50,640**	**35,880**	**39,220**	**35,880**

* Refundable after completion of the Course

In addition, Registration Fee, Matriculation Fee, Recognition Fee, University Development Fee, University Examination Fee shall be paid as prescribed by the Pondicherry University from time to time.

NOTE

1. The candidates appearing for counseling are required to bring entire requisite fee for I Semester of I M.V.Sc in the form of Demand Draft drawn in favour of **The DEAN, RIVER, Puducherry-605009**
2. Fee structure is subject to revision from time to time.

9. Stipend

All admitted candidates will be paid a stipend of Rs. 8000/- (Eight Thousand Rupees only) per month for a period of two years or till the submission of the thesis whichever is earlier. However, the stipend is granted only on submission of the satisfactory monthly Progress Reports to the Dean of the Institute by the concerned Head of Department. Candidates failing in any one course will not be eligible for stipend (The stipend will be paid prospectively only after the candidate passes the concerned course). Further an amount of Rs. 25,000/- (Twenty Five Thousand Rupees only) per student as research grant will be paid to the concerned department during the second year of their study.

10. Hostel Accommodation

Separate Hostel for Boys and Girls are available. **Currently, hostel accommodation is limited to girl students based on availability.** The fee structure for the hostel accommodation is as follows.

Particulars	Item	Amount (Rs.)
Annual fee (non-refundable)	Hostel Rent per annum – Type 1 (or) Type 2	7000 (or) 10000
One-time fee payable at the time of admission (non-refundable)	Hostel Admission fee	500
	Hostel inmate welfare fund	500
One-time fee payable at the time of admission (refundable after adjustment, if any, at the time of vacating the hostel)	Hostel Caution Deposit	1000
	Mess deposit	8000
	Total	**16000 (or) 19000**

Note: If a student discontinues the course completely, only the hostel caution deposit and mess deposit will be refunded, after adjustment, if any.

11. Refund of fee paid for Post Graduate students

In the event of an admitted student leaving the course, the following refund of fee policy will be followed.

Situation	Refund Policy
(for both Puducherry & Other State students)	
On request received before the start of the academic session & seat could be filled by the Institute before the closure of admission.	Entire fee less than the admission fee will be refunded
If the seat remains vacant on account of withdrawal of admission by the candidate or discontinuance of course any time after the commencement of the course of study	The entire Stipend amount received by the candidate. Additionally, the fee to be paid for the remaining semesters.

12. Registration of course

The Registration of the course and the commencement of classes will be on 28.12.2026 (Monday).

13. Discipline

The Institute aims at maintaining the highest standard of discipline amongst the students. The students shall abide by any General or Special Rules prescribed by the Institute with regard to discipline and conduct, from time to time and shall give a written undertaking thereof before being admitted.

i) Students shall not associate themselves with any political party or organization within or outside the Institute campus.
ii) Use of alcohol and intoxicating drugs inside the Institute and Hostel premises is strictly prohibited.
iii) Students shall desist from agitations and demonstrations.
iv) Every student shall carry an Identity Card issued by the Institute.
v) Any act of disobedience or misconduct will be seriously dealt with.

Ragging: "Ragging is strictly prohibited" by a notification issued by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, with a penalty ranging up to 2 years of imprisonment. If any "student indulges in any form of ragging", he/she will be summarily rusticated from the Institute. The decision of the Dean of the Institute shall be final, subject to appeal as per Pondicherry University / Government of Puducherry rules.

Progress in studies

A student is expected to keep steady progress in studies. A student found indifferent in studies or has poor attendance, may face expulsion/ rustication from the Institute. The name of the student may be struck off from rolls for unauthorized absence from classes.

14. Documents to be submitted at the time of joining

The selected candidate should produce the following certificates in original to the Institute at the time of admission.

1. Recent Passport size colour Photos with white background (2nos.)
2. Birth Certificate / Proof of Date of Birth
3. S.S.L.C mark sheet
4. Higher Secondary (10+2) or Equivalent Examination Mark Sheet
5. B.V.Sc & A.H Degree / Provisional Certificate
6. Transcripts of B.V.Sc. & A.H Degree
7. Transfer Certificate, issued by the Head of the Institution last studied
8. Conduct Certificate, issued by the Head of the Institution last studied
9. State/Central Veterinary Council Registration Certificate
10. Migration Certificate
11. Nationality Certificate*

12. Residence Certificate*
13. Caste Certificate* (if applicable)
14. Medical Fitness Certificate*
15. Aadhar Card (Photocopy)
16. OBC and EWS certificate* (if applicable)

* These certificates need to be recent and original.

All the above documents are mandatory for submission to Pondicherry University and for the Institute record.

NOTE:

1. *If any admitted candidate discontinues the course at any time/ disqualified by Pondicherry University, the refund of fee policy mentioned in this prospectus will be followed.*
2. *Candidate failing to adhere to the conditions mentioned in the admission procedure shall forfeit their candidature and the seat will be offered to the next eligible candidate in the Merit List.*

Contact Details

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For date of registration, orientation and commencement of classes, the candidate can follow the Institute website (www.river.edu.in) notification.

Important Dates

i.	Call for application	:	23.11.2026 (Monday)
ii.	Last date of receiving applications	:	17.12.2026, 5 pm (Thursday)
iii.	Provisional list of eligible candidates	:	18.12.2026, 5 pm (Friday)
iv.	Date of Entrance Examination	:	22.12.2026 (Tuesday)
v.	Date of Counseling	:	23.12.2026 (Wednesday)
vi.	Date of Registration & Commencement of Classes	:	28.12.2026 (Monday)

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Application No. (To be filled by Office):

RAJIV GANDHI INSTITUTE OF VETERINARY EDUCATION AND RESEARCH
KURUMBAPET, PUDUCHERRY- 605009
(A Government of Puducherry Institution)
(Affiliated to Pondicherry University, Puducherry)

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO M.V.Sc. DEGREE PROGRAMME, 2026-27

NOTE: i. Last date for receipt of Application Forms:**17-12-2026, 5pm**
ii. Incomplete and late Applications will not be considered

Affix recent good quality colour photograph with white background

Particulars of Application Fee:

Details	UTR No	Date	Amount

1. Name (in BLOCK LETTERS)
(As entered in School Certificate) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

2. i) Date of Birth:_____ iii) Age as on 17.12.2026:_____

ii) Place of Birth:_____ iv) District: _____

v) State: _____

3. Sex: _____

4. Nationality*:_____

Aadhar Number: _____

5. i) Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

ii) Occupation and Annual Income: _____

6. i) Permanent Address: _____
_____
_____
PIN:_____

ii) Address for Communication: _____
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_____
PIN:_____

iii) Email ID: _____

iv) Mobile No._____

7. Are you a resident of UT of Puducherry: Yes*/No

8. Tick the category against which you are applying:
   i. General ii. Other Backward Class iii. Economically Weaker Sections (EWS)
   iv. Most Backward Class v. Scheduled Caste vi. Scheduled Tribe
   vii. Extreme Backward Classes (EBC) viii. Backward Class Muslims (BCM)

9. Details of Examinations Passed*:

Name of the Examination Passed	Month and Year of Passing	Name of School/College	Name of the Board/University	Percentage of Marks/Grade Obtained
SSLC or Equivalent				
HSC or Equivalent				
B.V.Sc.&A.H.				

(*Enclose self-attested copies of the certificates)

1. Employment Status:
   (If employed, Application should be forwarded through proper channel)

   i. Post Held: _____

   ii. Place of work: _____

DECLARATION

I,_____hereby solemnly affirm that the statements made and information furnished in the Application Form and the Enclosures there to submitted by me, are true and no relevant fact is suppressed and that I shall abide by the rules and regulations of the Institute.

Place:

Date: **Signature of Candidate**

Application No. (to be filled by the office)

RAJIV GANDHI INSTITUTE OF VETERINARY EDUCATION AND RESEARCH
KURUMBAPET, PUDUCHERRY-605009

ADMIT CARD FOR PGEE 2026

Examination Centre: **Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Veterinary Education & Research, Kurumbapet, Puducherry – 605 009**

Date and Time of Examination:**22-12-2026, 11.00a.m.**

Affix a recent good quality colour photograph with white background

1. Name of the Applicant: _____
(in CAPITAL LETTERS)

2. Address for Communication: _____

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3. Signature of the Applicant: _____

Note: Collect the approved admit card by 10.00 a.m. on 22-12-2026 at the Examination Hall, RIVER.

(For office use only)

Verified and found correct

Signature of the Office In-charge