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MESSAGE TO CELEBRATE ANIMAL WELFARE FORTNIGHT 2026 AND JIV JANTU KALYAN DIWAS ON THE OCCASION OF VASANT PANCHAMI

The Animal Welfare Fortnight, 2026 is celebrated throughout the country from 14th January, 2026 to 30th January, 2026 in a grand manner. In this regard, it is requested that AWOs / concerned people would emphasize on the following activities to propagate animal welfare during the Animal Welfare Fortnight, 2026:

- i. To organize the campaign for adoption of community animals as per the Standard Operating Protocol issued by AWBI vide letter dated 17.05.2022.
- ii. To organize medical camps for sick and injured animals on the roadside and various other places.
- iii. To teach people about basic veterinary first-aid. To organize seminars in schools to teach students regarding veterinary first-aid and how to help animals in distress.
- iv. To make *pamphlets on animal laws*: Translate it into the local language and then give it to the Police and law enforcing authorities and to as many people so that awareness about Animal Welfare laws is spread.
- v. To sensitize milkmen regarding harmful effect of "Oxytocin" injections to animals for drawing milk and encourage them for not to use "Oxytocin" as it is illegal under the Food and Drug Adulteration Prevention Act.
- vi. To offer food and water to the stray animals and birds. Distribute earthen bowls in various neighbourhoods so that people are encouraged to provide food and water to the animals.
- vii. To plant large numbers of bird friendly trees like Jamun, neem, shahtoot, bargat, peepal, semal so that birds have some place to eat and nest in.
- viii. To start an *anti-plastic bag* campaign and ask people not to throw away edible leftovers tied up in plastic bags as many animals, including cows, eat the plastic bags and die.
- ix. To organise a Police Training Campaign for all the law enforcement authorities to address animal protection laws.

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- x. To organize workshop for Gaushala personnel to utilise full potential of cow dung and urine for production of bio-gas, vermi-compost, bio-pesticides, organic soaps, agarbattis and panchgavya medicines towards self sustenance.
- xi. To organize Anti Rabies Camp for vaccination of stray and pet animals at multiple locations.
- xii. To interact with the local bodies for conducting Animal Birth Control program to control the population of stray dogs.

Further, it is also informed that the Animal Welfare Board of India has decided to celebrate Vasant Panchami as "**Jiva-Jantu Kalyan Divas**" every year. The Vasant Panchami will be celebrated on 23rd January, 2026.

We do hope that the Animal Welfare Fortnight and Jiv Jantu Kalyan Divas will be celebrated in a grand manner to sensitize and create more awareness on Animal Welfare issues among general public, law enforcing authorities and all concerned to will take proactive steps to prevent unnecessary pain and suffering to animals.

We request you to please send us reports/photos/ news items etc. for information, record and publication.

Yours Sincerely,

11/11/20
(Dr. Muthukumarasamy B.)

To

1. The Chief Secretary of all the States / UTs
2. The Principal Secretary, Animal Husbandry Department of all States/UTs
3. The Member Secretary, State Animal Welfare Board of all the States / UTs
4. The Director, Animal Husbandry Department of all States /UTs
5. All Recognized Animal Welfare Organizations/Gaushalas
6. All Hon. State / District Animal Welfare Officers
7. The Members of the Board
8. The Members of the various committees of the Board.