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Message From Chairman

Welfare of Working Equines



My Dear Friends,
I decided to speak on an issue that is not a mainstream Animal Welfare issue – the welfare conditions of working equines in our country. I am sure that all of you are aware that horses have been holding centre stage attention all over the world for various reasons. In fact, after the dog, the horse shares one of the closest bonds of friendship and kinship with humans. Horses are extremely intelligent, hard-working, affectionate and loyal animals. Most of us are familiar with the stories of Chetak and Maharana Pratap. I was born in a family that owned a horse. I remember as a young child, it was my grand-father who made me sit on a horse for the first time. That love for horses continued...I trained as a veterinarian and also did courses in equitation science. I have served horses for over 38 years now.

I would like to share with all of you three inventions that have revolutionized the care and welfare of horses. The first one is the invention of the saddle, the second is the invention of the stirrup and the third, the invention of the horseshoe. As far as India is concerned, working equines play a very important role. We have more than 10 million working equines, and the term working equine, besides horses also includes donkeys and mules. Working equines suffer greatly in our country. The Brooke Hospital is doing a fantastic job of providing veterinary care for the working equines. Earlier, donkeys were often employed for working in the brick-kilns. Now, there's a total ban on the use of donkeys in brick kilns. That has spared thousands of donkeys from the backbreaking work of transporting bricks.

Today, horses are kept by some of the richest people in our country. In remote and mountainous regions of our country, even today, the transportation is almost completely dependent on horses. In Ladakh, there are Kiangs. This is a very special breed of hardy mountain horse, bred to survive and adapt to the tough mountainous terrain and the sub zero weather of the Himalayan mountain regions. In the remote regions of the Himalayas, where the army personnel are often stationed, mules are used for transportation. It is amazing to see how swiftly and intelligently the mules respond to the blowing of a whistle. When the whistle is blown, each one of the mules who is a part of the team, knows exactly what to do and they work so efficiently, so diligently and spontaneously. Once the training has been correctly given, no further instruction is needed, they know exactly what is to be done.

In Babugarh, we have a lovely equine breeding centre. The Centre which was set up in 1818 on over 4000 acres of land is a beautifully designed piece of architecture. The stables for the horses have been so thoughtfully designed. Almost two centuries later, one is struck by the care and meticulous attention to detail that has gone into the planning of this truly remarkable place. The Equine Breeding Centre in Babugarh stands out as a Heritage Building.

Regarding the whips used by the jockeys, I wish to clarify that they are air-cushion whips and do not cause pain. However, using the whip on a horse can be quite disturbing to the horse. A concept that is becoming popular is racing horses without whips. I am happy to say that the Royal Western India Turf Club (RWITC) have agreed to race the horses without whips at least once a month. The Office International Des Epizooties (OIE) have also taken to animal welfare in a big way. Apart from the issue of cruelty, it is very important to practice good animal welfare, because that is what makes any programme that involves animals sustainable. Sustainable Animal Welfare is a concept that we need to promote among farmers. Good Animal Welfare entails disease prevention, humane euthanasia and attention to ensuring that the 'Five Freedoms' are followed carefully.

Another issue of grave concern is that Horses are used extensively for sera production. There are a lot of army mules that are often retired to these centres. I have visited many of these centres and have seen that the horses are not well looked after at all. It is very disturbing to see the poor welfare conditions given to these loyal and hard-working animals. Besides this, the transportation of race horses by floats is also very stressful. One of the greatest stressors that a horse experiences is during travel. Fortunately, for most race horses, the floats are nicely designed and are quite comfortable. Despite that, a journey by road, air or by train can be very strenuous for horses. (the text for this column has been condensed from Hon'ble Chairman's talk given during the National Seminar) ...Contd on page 2

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Jayanthi Ji Promises New Animal Welfare Law Will Be Passed Soon



Hon'ble Minister
Smt Jayanthi Ji lighting the lamp



Hon'ble Board Member, Smt Norma Alvares
welcoming Hon'ble Minister Smt Jayanthi Ji
with a shawl

While welcoming the dignitaries on the dais, Mrs Amala Akkineni, Hon'ble Board Member said, "We are gathered here today on December 29th, 2012 for a very proud and significant moment. Today, we complete fifty years of Animal Welfare work. On the memorable occasion of AWBI's Golden Jubilee Celebrations and the Board's 1st Regional Seminar on Animal Welfare, I am happy to welcome to the dais His Excellency, the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Dr Rosaiah, Hon'ble Union Minister for Environment and Forests, Smt Jayanthi Natarajan Ji, Maj. Gen. (Retd) Dr. R.M.Kharb, AVSM, Hon'ble Chairman, AWBI and Dr. Chinny Krishna, Hon'ble Vice-Chairman, AWBI. I welcome all the delegates and thousands of bravehearts who have been working tirelessly for the cause of animal welfare".

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Narendra said, "I am very grateful to the Animal Welfare Board of India for inviting me to attend this event. We have learnt that in schools too now there is much better awareness about issues pertaining to animal welfare" Talking about the role of predators in an ecosystem, Shri Narendra said, "Even predators have a role in maintaining balance. Somewhere humans have become greedy. Now, an unfortunate scenario has arisen...with the impact of climate change happening and the forest cover severely affected, so many species of wild animals and birds are becoming extinct. Though there are compensatory measures at work through afforestation programmes, a lot more needs to be done". Talking about IOB's platinum jubilee celebrations, Shri Narendra said, "At IOB, we have just celebrated the platinum jubilee. Indian Overseas Bank is proud to say that the welfare of a tiger in Mysore Zoo has been sponsored by our company".

Talking about issues of great concern to the Board, Ms Amala said, "Many of our State Governments have not constituted an Animal Welfare Board. I am happy to inform all of you that Smt Jayanthi Ji is working on all these issues. We are indeed fortunate that compassion is seeded into our consciousness. All of us assembled in this gathering today and for millions of Indians all over the country, we are fortunate and privileged to be born in a land with a 5000 year old rich tradition of ahimsa and reverence of life. Practising compassion towards animals was our dharma".

In her address to the gathering, Hon'ble Minister Smt Jayanthi Natarajan Ji said, "Your Excellency, Governor of Tamil Nadu, Dr. Rosaiah, Gen Kharb, Dr Chinny Krishna, Amala, Norma, Jasjit...I would like to congratulate all the Board Members of AWBI for carrying out a task that is not media savvy and for doing work for animals who are not a vote bank. I would like to sincerely congratulate all of you. I would like to express my happiness that Shri Narendra is here and to Indian Overseas Bank and the Max Foundation for sponsoring this initiative.



Hon'ble Minister, MoEF,
Smt Jayanthi Ji addressing delegates at the
Board's Regional Seminar on Animal Welfare

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You might ask as a Minister, why the Government cannot do it. When I became Union Minister of MoEF, I thought it was about climate change, saving forests and such issues related to the ecosystems and the environment. There were many issues that did not engage my attention. Animal welfare was one such issue. However, now having become a 'convert to the cause' and having become aware of the immense suffering that animals undergo, I promise to take the animal welfare movement forward. However, today I am at a loss for words. If young women cannot be protected in our society, imagine the plight of the animals. There's a part of our society that is so helpless that it is impossible to adequately protect them. Let us observe two minutes of silence in memory of that unfortunate young girl who lost her life. Today, we have observed two minutes of silence. Last week, all the Parliaments were in utter turmoil due to this incident. When will all of us see the Parliament in turmoil about the enormous suffering that animals undergo. Perhaps, we may never see it. Dr Chinny Krishna asked me about the draft of the Animal Welfare Act, when will it be discussed in the Parliament. I promise all of you that I will ensure that an ordinance is passed. I will do my best to strongly pursue the PCA Act and ensure that it is enacted as a revised Animal Welfare Law in Parliament".

Talking about the interdependence between different species and the need to show compassion and reverence for all life, Jayanthi Ji said, "In so many parts of our country, farm animals are so much like a part of the family. Farm animals are a member of our family. It is a part of our culture. I have just returned from the COP Meeting in October where the cycle of dependence and interdependence of species and ecosystems was emphasized. All species are interdependent on one another.

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Hon'ble Chairman, AWBI Maj Gen
Dr. R.M.Kharb, AVSM welcoming
Hon'ble Governor, Tamil Nadu
Dr Rosaiah with a shawl

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Hon'ble Vice-Chairman, AWBI,
Dr Chinny Krishna honouring
Hon'ble Minister, MoEF, Smt Jayanthi Ji
with a shawl



Hon'ble Vice-Chairman, AWBI,
Dr Chinny Krishna presenting a
plaque to Hon'ble Minister, MoEF,
Smt Jayanthi Ji





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All species are interdependent on one another. To cite an example, talking about the birds and the wetlands... the birds use the paddy fields to find food for their babies. The droppings from the nests are fed on by other birds and insects. Interdependence is a law of nature. I also want to emphasize that since interdependence is a law of life, compassion and respect for all life must be well integrated within our social framework and in our society. A society that ruthlessly exploits animals is not a society that reflects compassion, the very fibre of what makes one a humane being".

Talking about the human-animal conflicts, she said, "I want to say a word about the human-animal conflicts. The incidents of bear attacks are becoming more – why? The bears have lost their natural habitats and so they have now starting coming out of their habitats...the hatred that humans have for animals has now become so extreme. The entire village clapped while they set fire to a bear. This is atrocious...the most gruesome and savage act of barbarity being applauded by an entire village. There should have been control exercised by the State Government. Similarly, an old and infirm tiger was shot dead. The Act was justified by the District Administration. This incident was widely reported in the media. We must have much better understanding demonstrated by both the general public as well as the State Government agencies. In both the cases, if only the State Government District Administrations and the communities had acted in a more humane manner, how well the two catastrophic scenarios that I have narrated could have been avoided".

Mentioning the lack of involvement from Animal Welfare Organizations in communicating with her Ministry, Smt Jayanthi Ji said, "About 2900 Animal Welfare Organizations are registered with the Animal Welfare Board of India, however, in matters pertaining to animals, the greatest number of phone calls I get is to get films cleared". Complimenting the Board on the yeoman service rendered by AWBI, Hon'ble Minister Jayanthi Ji said, "With the limited funds available, I must say that the Animal Welfare Board of India has done remarkable work. The Training Programmes for the ABC-AR Programme as well as the Programmes for Gaushala personnel are good examples of the Board's role in animal welfare outreach".

Narrating about the recent incident in Pallikarnai, Chennai, where a company had imported 70 Beagle pups as pets only to conduct research experiments on them, Jayanthi Ji said, "I was horrified to know that we actually allow these animals to be imported and that they are bred for the purpose of research. There are 1600 labs in our country. The experiments are conducted on pups that are between 4 and 9 months old and at the end of the experiment, all the pups are killed. It was shocking for me to know this. I will ensure that laws are passed in letter and in spirit to prevent such wanton suffering on the helpless animals. I would like to congratulate all the activists for pursuing this matter and bringing it to my notice so that we could take swift action". Referring to the apathy on the part of the State Governments in setting up Animal Welfare Divisions in Police Stations, Jayanthi Ji said, "Unfortunately, none of the State Governments have shown interest in setting up Animal Welfare Divisions in the Police Stations. There is a provision for every State Government to have a Police Officer in each department of every Police Station".

She ended her talk by saying, "Whether it is protection of our forests, of our fauna or of our street dogs, it is a sign of a civilized society to acknowledge, respect and protect the suffering and helpless living beings like the farm animals who are used by human beings and the wild animals and birds with whom we share this planet. If we keep on destroying our forests for our GDP oriented growth, what kind of democracy and what kind of country will we have". □

Education of the Heart Is Real Education

His Excellency, Dr. R.K. Rosaiah, Governor of Tamil Nadu in his address at the Board's 1st Regional Seminar on Animal Welfare in Chennai held on 29th, December 2012 said, "At the outset I congratulate the Animal Welfare Board of India for its sincere and dedicated efforts to serve the cause of the welfare of animals right from the days of its establishment. It is a pleasure to inaugurate the Regional Seminar of the Animal Welfare Board of India held in commemoration with the Golden Jubilee Celebrations. We are a nation with a rich heritage of art and culture. Our civilization dates back to more than 5000 years. India stands as a symbol of peace and is known for being friendly with the neighbouring countries. Unity and harmony are the hallmarks of our nation. What is worrying today is that we have moved away from our path of being kind towards the other sentient living beings with whom we share this planet. Cruelty and unkindness should wither away from our minds and hearts. We need to reawaken our conscience and to think, understand, protect and safeguard the welfare of the animals.

Article 51-A(g) of the Constitution of India states that, "It shall be the fundamental duty of every citizen of India to protect and improve the natural environment, including forests, lakes, rivers and wildlife and to have compassion for all creatures". Animals have made immense contributions from time immemorial for the well-being of human beings. In India, we have a rich tradition of ahimsa – non-violence towards all creatures, love and compassion for animals, from the time of Lord Mahavira and King Ashoka the Great. Humans share this planet with other species of animals and many forms of life all coexist within an interdependent ecosystem of nature. Humanity's survival on this planet depends on maintaining the delicate balance in the co-existence between humans and animals.

We worship nature. Pongal and Sankranti festivals underline our spirit to live in resonance with nature. These festivals also remind us to show our gratitude to the animals which have helped us to reap the grains. The love and consideration towards animals have been deteriorating nowadays. We have forgotten that life is dearer to all creatures. Our culture and tradition teaches us to worship cows as a symbol of all creation. Our religions have taught us to be compassionate and kind to all. To be a true human being, we must be humane. The father of our nation, Mahatma Gandhi said, "The greatness of a nation and its social development is judged by the way its people treat their animals".

The visionary insight of a great leader lays the foundation for a better world. Smt Rukmini Devi Arundale was one such person whose tireless efforts to treat animal life with respect and compassion, highlighting their huge contribution to the well being of human beings led to the enactment of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. Her vision also led to the creation of the Animal Welfare Board of India for the promotion of animal welfare and the protection of animals from cruelty. It is a matter of pride that India is one of the first countries in the world to have passed the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and to constitute the Animal Welfare Board to address the welfare concerns of animals. I am happy to note that AWBI is now providing financial help for animal welfare programmes and guidance to around 3000 animal welfare organizations, including about 2000 Gaushalas to facilitate animal welfare initiatives, provision of shelters, veterinary healthcare for sick and injured animals, ambulance services, and immunization and sterilization of street dogs to stabilize their population and to control rabies.

Showing kindness should be inculcated right from childhood. Education of the heart is the real education. It should develop the spirit of compassion and kindness. The quality of kindness and discipline begins at home. The humanness that is developed in childhood should be carried on throughout one's lifetime. The initiatives taken by AWBI to create awareness in the society to address growing incidences of human-animal conflict in a harmonious and scientific manner through its Humane Education Programme deserves appreciation. Scant space, strained resources and human intolerance have suddenly left our animal friends in the cold and AWBI faces a daunting challenge in protecting our animals from exploitation and abuse at the national level. A lot of cruelty is perpetrated on the hapless animals taken to slaughterhouses during their transportation and also during the slaughter. Establishing Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in each district and enabling them to effectively enforce the prevention of cruelty to animals is urgently needed.

I congratulate AWBI for its dedicated services to the noble cause of animal welfare. I wish AWBI all success in its noble endeavours. I convey my warm felicitations to the Chairman, Members, Officers and Staff of AWBI. I conclude with the words of Smt Rukmini Devi Arundale, "Truth shall win and as we perform those actions that promote the religion of the soul, ahimsa, we shall be victorious, not merely for bringing happiness to humanity but bringing it to all living creatures that merely ask for our love and protection". □

At AWBI, It Has Always Been Animals & People

Dr Chinny Krishna, Hon'ble Vice-Chairman, AWBI while giving the Vote of Thanks said, "His Excellency, Governor, Dr Rosaiah, our very special Minister, Smt Jayanthi Ji, this is much more than just a vote of thanks. For all of us at AWBI, it has never been about animals or people, it has always been animals and people. When a child is trained in justice and fair play for animals, that child will grow up to be a morally upright and ethically conscientious human being, fair in his or her dealings with other people, and demonstrating a great deal of compassion in all aspects of his or her behaviour, lifestyles and values. My very special thanks to Hon'ble Minister for taking time out from her hectic schedule to attend this event. In fact, I am touched by her promise and commitment, She said, "Any day, the Governor gives the date, I will make sure to come". I thank all our sponsors - Shri Narendra, Indian Overseas Bank and Max Foundation for sponsoring this event. I thank the representatives from Humane Society International and World Society for the Protection of Animals. I also thank CPREEC for bringing out Animal Citizen in a record time of 72 hours. □

The Welfare of Working Equines

For race horses, there is another issue of grave concern that needs corrective action – the rampant use of anabolic steroids. With appropriate intervention and action taken by different turf clubs, specially the RWITC, we have been able to ban the use of anabolic steroids as a performance enhancement drug. Recently, a very reputed trainer had used anabolic steroids and it was detected...immediate action was taken against the trainer. Use of anabolic steroids for racing horses calls for very severe punishment. Another point that I would like to draw attention to is the urgent need for good farriers. In our country, we do not have a sufficient number of well trained farriers. We also do not have any good institutes for conducting formal training for shoeing horses in the correct way. In most of the developed countries, farriers undergo extensive training. Just like Vets, they undergo intensive training for four years, before they are considered qualified to practice as farriers. There is also strict licensing for the farriers.

Another important area that needs to be looked into is the "Code of Conduct" that needs to be followed for improving the welfare of sporting horses. An unfortunate fact is that most vets who graduate out from the Veterinary colleges in our country do not have any exposure to equine practice. In the Indian Army, there is an extensive three month orientation programme given to all Veterinarians to help them become adequately familiar with understanding how to provide good equine veterinary care. Unfortunately, in India, we have some of the best Animal Protection Laws but there is almost complete lack of enforcement of the Animal Protection Laws. □



ABC In India

Dr. Chinny Krishna gave an excellent overview of the ABC Programme in India and began his talk with a brief history of the ABC Programme saying that, "Way back in 1996, the Chennai Corporation was one of the earliest Municipal Corporations in India and probably in the world too to implement the ABC Programme". Talking about the responses to the stray dog issues he said, "What happens if we ignore the street dogs. Logic would dictate that the number of animals will keep increasing since dogs and cats are prolific breeders. In reality, numbers will level off at the "Holding Capacity" of the area". Explaining about the holding capacity, he said, "This is the number of animals that can be supported in that area depending on the availability of food, water and shelter". Explaining how killing dogs is not a solution, a myth that even today prevails in the minds of many civic administrators, public health professionals and sometimes even veterinarians employed in senior administrative posts, Dr Krishna explained, "What happens if we kill, there is an immediate drop in the numbers. However, the remaining animals will have a much higher survival rate and numbers will begin to increase. Numbers will level off once the holding capacity is reached".

Speaking about implementation of the ABC Programme he said, “The ABC –AR programme calls for a one time cost as against a perpetual cost for a catch-and-kill programme. Equally important, a catch-and-kill programme does not lead to control of the incidence of rabies. If the purpose of this massive killing was to reduce either the incidence of rabies in humans or the number of dogs on the street, it failed spectacularly on both counts. Each year the number of both dogs and rabies deaths kept going up and, in 1996, there were 120 deaths from rabies in Chennai city alone and more dogs than ever were on the streets. That was when in 1996, after much study, the Blue Cross once again proposed that street dog population control is as easy as ABC (Animal Birth Control). Mr Abdul Hassan, then Municipal Commissioner of Chennai said, “I will give you six months to prove that this Programme will work well and is better than the current practice of killing dogs”. So, there we were battling an uphill task, trying to reverse deaths due to rabies as well as bring down dog populations that had built up over decades within just six months. That was how Chennai became the first city in India to adopt the ABC Programme. With the success of our programme, within a year, the ABC Programme was adopted by General A.K. Chatterjee, Chairman, AWBI as the National Policy of AWBI. From 1997 onwards, several cities in India had started the ABC Programme. Notable among them were Jaipur, Kalimpong and Chennai which had all declared rabies free within just a few years.

Jaipur, Chennai and Kalimpong have reported zero deaths due to rabies since 2001, 2007 and 2002 respectively and the entire state of Sikkim has also reported zero deaths since 2011. Speaking about the challenges faced in effectively implementing the ABC Programme in some of the cities in India, Dr Chinny Krishna cited “the non-involvement of major stakeholders like Local Administration (Corporations / Municipalities / Panchayats), State Animal Husbandry Departments and also the Public Health Departments as an important cause”. Besides, he observed that, limited availability of trained staff for dog catching, shortage of Para-Vets and Vets, lack of public awareness and hardly any implementation of rules: including registration / licensing and mandatory anti-rabies vaccination of both pet dog and street dogs were other key issues.□

AWBI Trained Humane Educators Do Successful Campaign



Akaash, after he understood how to behave with dogs, promised AWBI educator Akshara that he would take good care of the street dogs in his area.



Ms. Lalitha the lady on the extreme left counseled the elderly women and children who were playing on the streets.



The small scale shopkeepers also came forward to support the campaign by displaying posters outside their shops.

In Nagashettyhalli, Bengaluru, a 5 year old was bitten by a dog on Dec 3rd 2012. Three AWBI certified Humane educators conducted a household campaign in that sensitive area and counseled the people on how to behave around dogs and also on the solutions to control the stray dog population. The residents encouraged the educators and expressed the need for more such education programs to reduce the cases of dog bites in Bengaluru and other areas. Overall, the team counseled around 120 households. AWBI gratefully acknowledges the sponsorship (as in providing the hall, projector, screen and refreshments) received from HCL in conducting the Humane Education Training Programmes in Bengaluru and Kolkata. The Board's First Batch of the Training Programmes were facilitated by Sriram Vepuri, Humane Education Officer, Blue Cross of Hyderabad. □

Training Programmes for Master Trainers

Smt Amala Akkineni, Hon'ble Board Member, AWBI in her talk titled, “Animal Welfare: A Global Issue” focused on the urgent need for awareness to be created among the public on a range of animal welfare issues, from cruelty to farm animals and street dogs, to the impact of factory farming of animals on climate change and the need for adopting climate friendly food and lifestyle choices. She informed the delegates that in the Golden Jubilee Year of the Board, Humane Education had been selected as a subject that would be taken forward actively by the Board. She also announced that the Board was currently accepting applications from individuals who wish to be Board Certified Master Trainers. More details would be posted on the Board's website soon. □

कॉलोनी में पशुओं की देख-रेख करने वालों को सूचना

INFORMATION TO DOG FEEDERS / COLONY CARE TAKERS

भारतीय जीव जन्तु कल्याण बोर्ड ने कुत्तों को भोजन देने वालों / कॉलोनी में पशुओं की देख-रेख करने वालों को पहचान-पत्र जारी करने का निर्णय लिया है। कुत्तों को भोजन देने वालों / कॉलोनी में पशुओं की देख-रेख करने वालों को पहचान-पत्र जारी करने के लिए आवेदन -पत्र का प्रारूप हमारे वेबसाइट: डब्ल्यू. डब्ल्यू. डब्ल्यू.एडब्ल्यू.आई.ओआरजी पर उपलब्ध है। कृपया आवेदन-पत्र को डाउनलोड कर पूर्ण विवरण सहित एवं दो पासपोर्ट फोटो सहित बोर्ड कार्यालय, चेन्नई को भिजवायें।

Animal Welfare Board of India has decided to issue Identity Cards to Dog Feeders/Colony Care Takers who are taking care of animals in their locality.

A proforma of registration form for issuing ID Cards to Dog Feeders / Colony Care Takers of animals is available in our website: www.awbi.org. Please download the form and send the duly filled in form along with two passport size photographs to the Chennai office of the Board.

Regional Seminar Highlights A Range of Issues – From Laws and CPCSEA to Setting up SPCAs and Sustainable Gaushalas

In his presentation on animal welfare laws in India, N.G. Jayasimha, Country Director, Humane Society International gave a broad overview of the many different laws enacted to protect the welfare of animals in India. From talking about the PCA Act, 1960 and section 11 which lists out all the different cruelities animals are subjected to, to chapter IV which focuses on animal experimentation, and Chapter V which deals with performing animals, Jayasimha spoke eloquently on the subject. With reference to the Municipal Laws he stated that they were applicable for the care and maintenance of veterinary hospitals, cattle pounds, farms, dairies, municipal markets and slaughter houses; and also for providing licenses to private markets and slaughter houses, theatre, circuses etc. Speaking about wildlife crime as the second largest illegal business in the world, Jayasimha informed the participants that under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, a Schedule I offence can earn a repeat offender 6 years in prison and a fine of Rs.25,000. In his talk on transportation and slaughterhouse rules, he stated that animals are subjected to enormous cruelty and there is very little implementation of the animal welfare rules both during transportation and at the slaughterhouse. In her talk on Experimentation on Animals, Hon'ble Board Member, Smt Norma Alvares spoke about the role of the CPCSEA in ensuring that the number of animals used in research is reduced and pain and suffering minimized or completely eliminated.

Emphasizing the key role of the members of the Ethics Committee and volunteers for CPCSEA in reviewing experiments conducted on animals and providing good guidance, suggestions as well as valuable alternatives to the use of animals in research, Ms Norma also highlighted the Five Principles guidelines prepared by CPCSEA in 2006 which focuses on Reduction, Replacement, Refinement and Rehabilitation of animals used in experiments. She narrated several inspiring cases from her own experience where after careful analysis of the applications received, the CPCSEA Review Team was able to successfully bring down the number of animals used in the experiment and in many cases, completely replace the experiments.

Brigadier Chohan in his presentation titled, “Towards self-sustainability of Gaushalas” shared his experience as Manager of Nigam Gaushalas – Carterpuri and Chauma in Gurgaon, Haryana. He said, “cows, bullocks and calves had been my closest companions during the early years of my life and having developed a deep bond, I had learnt to communicate with them”. In his talk, he shared the tough challenges faced initially when he took charge of the management of the Gaushalas and later, when he decided to stop milk production in the Gaushalas. He also gave details of the expenses incurred in running the Gaushala.

Distinguished Advocate, Smt Anjali Sharma and Hon'ble Board Member, AWBI gave a very inspiring talk about SPCAs, rules to be followed regarding the setting up of an SPCA and the powers that an SPCA has. Prof Rama Kumar, Co-opted Member, AWBI gave an interesting presentation on how dog census can be introduced as a useful humane education activity in schools.

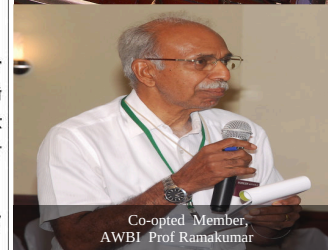
In his talk on Performing Animals Rules, Vinod Kumaar, Asst Secretary, AWBI spoke about the Performing Animals (Registration) Rules and Amendment Rules, 2001 and focused on various rules pertaining to applications to be made, conditions for registration, and Rule 13 regarding the prohibition on exhibition and training of six species of animals. Referring to the Notification.G.S.R.619(E) dt.14.10.1998 issued by the Central Government, he said that under the notification bears, monkeys, tigers, panthers, lions and bulls are prohibited from being exhibited or trained as performing animals. □



Hon'ble Board Member, Smt Amala Akkineni



Co-opted Member, AWBI Shri N.G. Jayasimha



Co-opted Member, AWBI Prof Ramakumar



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Hon'ble Board Member Smt Norma Alvares



Hon'ble Board Member, Smt Anjali Sharma



Hon'ble Secretary, Smt Uma S Rani



Asst Secretary, AWBI Shri Vinod Kumaar

Animal Welfare Issues of Concern - Offences, Laws Applicable and Action to be Taken
Draught & Pack Animals – PCA Act, 1960 – Sec.11(1) (a) & (b). Sec.38 - Prevention of Cruelty of Draught and Pack Animals Rules, 1965 - prescribes maximum load
Transportation of animals - PCA Act, 1960- Sec.11(a), (d), (e) & (h). Transport of Animal Rules, 1978, PCA (Transport of Animals on Foot) Rules, 2001 apply
Slaughter of animals - Prohibited in any Corporation or Municipal area without license. The PCA (Slaughterhouse) Rules, 2001 apply. Environmental pollution. Duty of Corporation to provide space. Animal sacrifice, though banned in several states continues to be carried out in many parts of the country.
Wild Animals - WPA, 1972- applicable to everyone, including tribal communities. Cutting of tree having nests - offence of hunting. It is illegal to manufacture, deal or carry on business in wildlife parts e.g. horns, trophies etc and display in any commercial premises. This can entail up to 7 years imprisonment - under WPA if an FIR is lodged.
Fishing - Indian Fisheries Act, 1897 – archaic law - diverse notification-varies from State to State. Fishing without valid permit/license illegal-unless provisions of local State fishing laws state otherwise. Fishing by use of dynamite illegal - Sec.11(1)(i) of the PCA, 1960 applies. Rules and Laws for fish sold by an aquarium- varies from state to state.
Zoos - Teasing animals in a Zoo – action can be taken under Sec.38-J of the WPA - punishable with imprisonment for three years or with fine which may extend to Rs.25,000/-

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चेन्नई: माननीय मंत्री श्रीमती जयंती नटराजन जी ने कहा कि मैं पशु कल्याण सेवार्थ समर्पित सभी को बधाई देना चाहती हूँ। डॉ. रोसय्या, तमिलनाडु के महामहिम राज्यपाल, जनरल खर्ब, डॉ. चिन्नी कृष्णा, श्रीमती अमला, श्रीमती नोरमा, श्रीमती जसजीत तथा बोर्ड के सभी सदस्यों तथा पशु प्रेमियों को बधाई दी। भारतीय जीव जन्तु कल्याण बोर्ड के इस कार्य को सहराते हुए कहा कि पशु कल्याण एक सेवा कार्य है। इस कार्य को ईमानदारी से करने के लिए बोर्ड के सदस्य एवं सभी को बधाई दी।

उन्होंने कहा कि मैं बहुत खुश हूँ कि इण्डियन ओवरसीज बैंक के प्रमुख श्री नरेन्द्र इस पहल को प्रायोजित करने के लिए यहाँ हैं और इंडियन आवरसीज बैंक और मैक्स फाउंडेशन जैसी संस्थाओं को बधाई देना चाहती हूँ। आप पूछ सकते हैं कि सरकार यह क्यों नहीं कर सकती है जब मैं केन्द्रीय पर्यावरण एवं वन मंत्री बनी तो मैंने सोचा था कि यह विषय जलवायु परिवर्तन, जंगलों की बचाव और परिस्थितिकी और पर्यावरण से संबंधित मुद्दों के बारे में होगा। देखा तो वहाँ कई मुद्दे हैं जिसमें मेरा ध्यान नहीं गया। पशु कल्याण भी एक ऐसा मुद्दा था।

अब एक कारण के नाते सभी परिवर्तित हो रहा है। बहुत दुःख है कि जानवरों को इतना पीड़ित किया जा रहा है। मैं पशु कल्याण के काम को आगे ले जाने का वादा किया है। यदि हमारे समाज में युवा महिलाओं की सुरक्षा नहीं किया जा सकता है, तो जानवरों की दुर्दशा और उनकी सुरक्षा की कल्पना नहीं किया जा सकता। हमारा दुर्भाग्य है कि हमने एक युवा भविष्य को खो दिया है। हम इसकी स्मृति में एक मिनट मौन धारण कर उसकी दीर्घांगत आत्मा की शांति के लिए प्रार्थना करें। पिछले सप्ताह संसद में इस घटना की वजह से उथल-पुथल था।

हम सभी को भारी दुःख है कि जानवरों के दर्द और पीड़ा के दौर से गुजरना पड़ रहा है। संसद इस विषय पर उथल-पुथल कब देखेगी। शायद, हम यह कभी नहीं देख सकते हैं। आज डॉ. चिन्नी कृष्णा मुझे संशोधित पशु कल्याण कानून के मामले में पूछ रहे थे। मैं आप सभी को वादा करती हूँ कि मैं और मेरे मंत्रालय द्वारा सभी पूरी कोशिश करेंगे कि एक सक्षम पीसीए अधिनियम को आगे पेश कर सकें और यह भी सुनिश्चित करना है कि यह एक संशोधित पशु कल्याण कानून के रूप में संसद में पास हो। (माननीय पर्यावरण एवं वन मंत्री के संभाषण का संक्षिप्त रूपान्तरण)



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