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KINDNESS AND COMPASSION TO ANIMALS IS A BASE OF ALL RELIGIONS

The first Sunni Imam of the Shah Jahan Mosque, U.K. has written a very popular book titled "Islamic concern for Animals" published by the Athene Trust, U.K. As per summary of expressions of the above publication, all the human problems physical, mental and spiritual are of our creations and our wounds self inflicted. by no stretch of imagination can we blame animals for any of our troubles and make them suffer for it.

He says that cruelty to animals has existed throughout the ages. It takes various forms and guises, from cockfighting to cat burning, from sheer overloading of beasts of burden to downright neglect and abuse. Animals have died, and are dying, harsh deaths in traps and snares to provide fur coats and ornaments for the wealthy, and they have been hunted throughout the world for the sheer sport and morbid pleasure of man.

The author also mentioned that to satisfy his ever-increasing demands and fads, man has begun to use his technological might and scientific prowess to transform increasing numbers of animals into food products. In laboratories, the pseudo-scientists are producing new genetic variations that may be amenable to low cost intensive methods of rearing. Many stock-keepers are more concerned with pounds and pence than the moral principles of animal husbandry, and look upon their livestock as meat and milk machines. All these inhumane acts have been criticized and prohibited in the Islam, the Qur'an Majeed urges in remonstrance: "And be not like those who say, 'we have heard', while they do not hearken. Verily, the vilest of all creatures, in the sight of Allah, are those deaf and dumb ones who do not use their rationally".

He summarized that the Islamic Law (Shari'ah) concerning the rights of animals are very elaborate and explicit. In the case of the ants' nest, the following Juristic Rule would apply: "Any damage or a damaging retaliation for a damage is forbidden".

Undoubtedly, it may be accepted that all the religion give the path for kindness and compassion to animals which has to be practiced in day today life. □

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State Animal Welfare Board Constituted in Uttar Pradesh

LUCKNOW: The State Animal Welfare Board (SAWB), Uttar Pradesh (UP) has been constituted in the month of July 2010. The State Government notified the constitution of the Board with all the details of the members vide Notification no. 3152/37-1-10-11(29) 2001 dt.5th July 2010 issued by Livestock Section I, Govt. of U.P.

In W.P.No.440/2000, Ms. Geetha Seshmani vs. Union of India and others, Hon'ble High Court, Delhi had issued direction to all the States and UTs for the formation of SAWB under provision of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act, 1960. In this connection, His Excellency Hon'ble Governor of U.P. has approved the proposal to establish the State Animal Welfare Board in Uttar Pradesh.

According to the circular, the State Board will constitute the total 13 members, out of which three members will be the President, Vice-President and Member Secretary. Hon'ble Minister, Animal Husbandry will be holding the Chair as the Chairman/President; Principal Secretary/Secretary Animal Husbandry will function as Vice-Chairman /President and Director, Animal Husbandry will hold the position as Member Secretary.

Principal Secretary/Secretary, Home; Principal Secretary/Secretary, Forest Department; Principal Secretary/Secretary, Nagar Vikas; DGP; Secretary, UP, Go Seva Ayog; Secretary, Transport; Chief Wildlife Conservator (CWC);

Director CDRI will also be the members of the Board.

Apart from Govt. Officials, the SAWB, U.P. has included five prominent AWOs, recognized by Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) and five dedicated animal welfare activists of UP State.

According to the information received, the above notification has been communicated to the members of the State Animal Welfare Board, U.P. and a copy of the notification sent to Animal Welfare Board of India for information. Maj.Gen.(Retd.) Dr. R.M.Kharb, AVSM, Hon'ble Chairman, AWBI has greeted the State Government, Uttar Pradesh for this unique and historic step. □

SCHOOL SCHEDULES SEEKS ANIMAL PROGRAMMES

CHENNAI: Spurred by the success of a pilot project undertaken in some schools, the CPR Environmental Education Centre launched its Kompassionate Kids programme in 25 city schools.

Sponsored by the Australia-based Winsome Constance Kindness (WCK) Trust, the programme seeks to teach children the importance of being kind to animals and the link between their food and environmental damage.

"The focus is on animal suffering, how a vegetarian diet improves human health and well-being, and the links between food choices and environmental impact," said Mrs.Lalitha Ramadurai, Senior Programme Officer (SPO) at the CPR Environmental Education Centre who is also incharge of the project. Launching the programme, Animal Welfare Board of India chairman Major General (Retd.) Dr. R. M. Kharb spoke about animal welfare to the teachers of the 25 institutions, including Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan, P S Senior Secondary School and Rosary Matriculation Higher Secondary School, which will implement it during this academic year.

Presentations on 'Non-violence Towards Nature — Through Vegetarianism' and 'Prevention and Control of Rabies' were made by Lalitha Ramadurai and Siaw Yean Woon,

president of the Animal Welfare Society in Sydney, Australia. A workshop was held for teachers on the benefits of going vegan.

END ANIMAL USE IN MEDICAL COLLEGES

NEW DELHI: The People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) urged five prominent medical colleges in Delhi to end use of animals in medical training.

The PETA has sent letters to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Maulana Azad Medical College, Lady Hardinge Medical College, University College of Medical Sciences and Vardhman Mahavir Medical College asking them to replace the use of animals with alternatives.

The letter recommends the colleges to adopt computer-based models to replace animals. "This is a major step forward in medical education," says Ms. Anuradha, the PeTA India, campaigner.

"The colleges now have the opportunity not only to spare animals' lives but to provide students with the most modern training methods available," she said. Many top medical-training institutions in the US - including the Harvard Medical School, Stanford University School of Medicine - no longer have live-animal laboratories, she said.

Instead they use alternatives to animal experiments like interactive computer models, non-invasive human-

based experiments and high-tech human patient simulators that breathe and respond to drugs and treatment just as humans do, she added.

7 YEAR JAIL FOR SLAUGHTERING COW

BHOPAL: The Madhya Pradesh Assembly passed the "Gau Vansh Vadh Pratishedh (Sanshodhan)" Bill to amend the original Act passed in 2004 to prohibit cow slaughter in the State.

With the latest amendment the maximum punishment for cow slaughter will be seven years and for illegal transportation of cattle, the maximum sentence would be three years. The amendment Bill passed by the Assembly gives more teeth to the 2004 Madhya Pradesh Act against cow slaughter.

Under the amended Act, no one will be permitted to kill or slaughter a cow and no one will be allowed to transport or keep beef in their possession.

OUTPATIENT WARD OPENED AT BLUE CROSS SHELTER

CHENNAI: An outpatient ward was inaugurated at Blue Cross of India's Velachery shelter that houses around 1500 destitute animals that have been rescued and are being rehabilitated.

Two new rescue ambulances -one donated by Brigitte Bardot in France



and the other by Rukmini Devi Arundale Trust and Animal Welfare Board of India were also flagged off by Shri Ram Shahaney, Chairman of Ashok Leyland. The cost of these ambulances was also partly borne by Ashok Leyland.

Blue Cross chairman Dr.S. Chinny Krishna said that the existing fleet of nine ambulances operate over a 2,500 sq.km area covering Chennai, Kancheepuram and Tiruvallur districts and that the additional ambulances, specifically modified to cater to our needs, will help a great deal." He added that evolving an efficient garbage disposal mechanism and a well-designed Animal Birth Control (ABC/AR) programme are the means through which the street dog problem can be solved. "The Corporation started killing dogs in 1860. Apart from not being humane, it will never offer a lasting solution."

RESIDENTS RESCUE DEER

CHENNAI: Residents of Lakshmi Nagar in Nanganallur spent the whole day

standing guard over a stray four-year-old male spotted deer in their area to ensure that it did not get injured.

A five-member team of forest officials from the Velachery range finally rescued the animal from the spot. The officials tried more than an hour to rescue the deer from mud near a pond in Moovarasanpet, and the animal became weak and exhausted.

The residents who were watching the deer, provided water and fruits and slowly the animal got comfortable around them.

THREE TIGER CONSERVATION TRUSTS FORMED

CHENNAI: Mudumalai, Anamalai and Kalakad Mundanthurai tiger reserves will hereafter be governed by Tiger Conservation Trusts (TCT).

Formation of the trusts will enable the three tiger reserves in the State to function on its own with a certain degree of autonomy and plough back funds generated through gate collection, guest house rents and tourism activities for managing the habitat and its biodiversity.

According to forest officials, the trusts can raise funds and receive donations from different sources like corporate sector, business houses and individuals. The funds will be used for better management of the area and for implementing eco-development related

After college, he went for a swim with his friends, but did not surface. The friends panicked and called the police who fished out the body from the dam. Shri Manikannan's parents were in for a shock to see a dead son returning from college. They kept his body to perform the rituals outside the house and the horse was tied close by as the youth was so attached to the horse.

After returning from performing his last rites, the family was in for another shock. The horse that they had bought for Shri Manikannan had fainted and the veterinarian could not revive it. Shri Manikannan's father Shri Senthilmurugan had got him the horse five years back. The boy had taught the horse to 'dance' and it had won a special prize in the 'dancing horse 2009' competition in Kerala. Shri Senthilmurugan said,

"his son, who had a passion for rearing horses, spent a minimum of four hours with Rani every day. She would refuse to eat when he was not around. The sudden death of the hale and healthy animal has come as a shock. We believe the grief struck her down."

WORK ON AT TANUVAS FOR ANIMAL CLONING

CHENNAI: Work is progressing on animal cloning in the State with researchers in Madhavaram's Central Embryo Biotechnology Laboratory of Tamil Nadu

programmes, besides helping those living in the fringes.

UMBILICAL CORD BANK PROPOSED FOR ANIMALS

CHENNAI: In a pioneering effort in the field of stem cell therapy for animals, doctors at the Madras Veterinary College have put forth a proposal to the Government of India to set up an Umbilical Cord Bank exclusively for animals in the city. "Till now there was one such bank and it was for human beings. There were no facilities for animals. The creation of this bank will mean that animals will be able to heal faster. Spine and nerve related injuries can be treated faster especially for dogs and horses," said Dr. B. Justin William of the department of veterinary surgery and radiology, Madras Veterinary College. "The plan is currently in the proposal stage, work will begin the moment the plan is approved," he said. The college will present a project proposal for a grant of Rs 24 crores to the Department of Biotechnology, Govt of India. The plan came up after a nine-month-old boxer dog Rambo got a spinal cord injury after an accident. The dog was treated with its own adult stem cells harvested and grafted on the injured site by a team of doctors from the Madras Veterinary College Teaching Hospital. The stem cell processing was done in the NichiIn Centre for Regenerative

Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (TANUVAS) studying embryo co-culture, said Dr .P. Thangaraju, TANUVAS Vice-Chancellor, while speaking to reporters after the inaugural session of the two day international seminar on 'Frontiers of Stem Cell and Biotechnology in Human and Veterinary Medicine.

Currently, the researchers are studying the co culture of ovum. It is an indigenous research where scientists collect the ovaries from slaughterhouse, culture it and study it" he said.

However, he did not give any timeframe on when the research will be completed. "We are standardizing the technology in rabbits and currently

Medicine, Chennai. This was the first time autologous stem cell therapy was used to help a dog recover from a spinal cord injury. Dr P Thangaraju, Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS, pointed out that earlier a similar procedure had been tried out but the animal did not survive. He said, "very soon there will be research done even on bird injuries. People should know that now all regenerative diseases for animals are treatable, if an Umbilical Cord Bank is opened. Nerve-related problems take a long time to heal but with the stem cell therapy, it can be faster," he said. The Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University will hold an International Seminar on the "Frontiers in Stem Cell Research and Biotechnology" in the college on July 15 and 16, 2010.

SOON, DOG SQUAD TO BEEF UP PRISON SECURITY

CHENNAI: The Tamil Nadu Prisons Department would soon have a dog squad of its own to beef up security in the jails across the State, according to Additional Director General of Police (ADGP prisons), Dr. K.R. Shyam Sundar. To begin with, the department plans to acquire 18 dogs. They will include Labrador Retrievers and German Shepherds, Dr. Shyam Sundar said. He said the department is in final stages of procuring the puppies from

research is on adult animals," he added. On stem cell research, Dr. Thangaraju said clinical trials are going on in hospitals in tendon and joint injury replacement. "The research will be a boon for race horses that are shot in many countries following tendon rupture," he added.

Citing an example of how a sixmonthold paralysed dog was cured through regenerative medicine, he said stem cells, once proved, will be a revolutionary treatment. Earlier, acting US consul Bryan W Dalton, in his inaugural address, said stem cells research has generated hope and fear among the people. "Scientists working on this field should also be aware of ethical and political debates," he added. □

across the State and that training for them would begin in August 2010. The puppies would be trained in Chennai by the dog training squad of the city police. The 18 dogs will be trained for nine months before being inducted into service. Labrador Retriever puppies would be given training in sniffing out drugs and contrabands. They would come to the aid of guards in checking visitors and their gifts in the visiting areas of the various prisons. They would also help prison authorities in their periodic checks. The German Shepherd puppies, on the other hand, will be trained in detection of explosive material, Dr. Shyam Sundar added. Recent months have also seen an increase in the number of crimes in various prisons in the State.

MASTER'S DEATH KILLS HORSE SAME DAY

COIMBATORE: Call it strange coincidence or call it "bonding forever in life and death" between 21-year-old Shri Manikannan and his horse "Puyal Rani". On July 2, Shri Manikannan drowned while swimming in Walayar dam. The same evening, his horse died and the veterinarian, who did the autopsy, found it hard to explain the death. Shri Manikannan's family members believe that the horse died out of grief.

Shri Manikannan, a B.Com student of VLB Janakiammal College of Arts and Science, died while on a picnic on the borders of Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

NEGLECTED DOG MAKES DASH FOR FREEDOM, GETS TRAPPED, OWNER PUNISHED

When neglected pet dog "Bounce" tried to make dash for freedom from his cruel owner, he only got half way trapping his head in a tumble dryer vent in a wall. His owner disappeared for two days leaving distressed Bounce with no food or water. Bounce forced his way through a six inch hole used normally for the kitchen's tumble dryer vent but only



managed to get his head free leaving his body trapped inside. Dog owner, Montgomery Wandera, 24, was banned from having pets for the next five years after admitting neglect at Luton Magistrates' Court.

FOLLOW ANIMAL TRANSPORT RULES

CHENNAI: The Madras high court has directed the state government to strictly adhere to the Transport of Animal Rules while transporting cattle, sheep and poultry.

PIL petitioner claimed that the cattle are transported without a certificate from a qualified veterinary surgeon on the animals' fitness for road travel. A division bench comprising Justice Elipe Dharma Rao and Justice T.S. Sivagnanam disposed of a public interest litigation filed by Mrs Vanishree Gnaneshwaran of Chennai.

According to the petitioner, the cattle were transported in crates hardly

larger than the animals they contain. They were transported without a certificate on the animals' fitness for road travel from a qualified veterinary surgeon. Even so, the carriers accept the consignment for transport, she noted.

The petitioner also added that the cattle were not provided with veterinary first aid equipment during the journey or proper platform for loading and unloading them.

Since the cattle, sheep and poultry were not transported as per the Transport of Animal Rules, there were lot of possibilities of the spread of diseases like virus fever in the public, who eat beef, mutton and chicken, she added. (Source: Deccan Chronicle) □

10 New Species of Animals Found in Atlantic Ocean

LONDON: In a major breakthrough, scientists have found over 10 new species under the Atlantic Ocean, including creatures close to the missing evolutionary link between backboneed and invertebrate animals. The bizarre creatures that scientists have uncovered during a new study have "revolutionized" thinking about deep sea life. Scientists believe

they have discovered more than 10 new marine species by using the latest diving technology.

On the north-west plains they encountered enteropneust acorn worms. "These worms are members of a group of animals close to the missing link in evolution between backboneed and invertebrate animals," Prof. Priede said. □

SPANISH REGION BANS BULLFIGHTING

SPAIN: Lawmakers in Catalonia outlawed bullfighting, making it Spain's first major region to ban the deadly, centuries-old ballet between matador and beast after heated debate that pitted animal rights against a pillar of traditional culture. Cheers broke out in the local 135-seat legislature after the speaker announced the ban had passed 68-to-55 with nine abstentions. The ban will take effect in 2012 in the northeastern coastal region whose capital is Barcelona. Catalonia is a powerful, wealthy area with its own language and culture and a large degree of self-rule. Many in Spain have seen the pressure here for a bullfighting ban as a further bid by Catalonia to stand out from the rest of the country. The practical effect of the ban will be limited: Catalonia has only one functioning bullring, in Barcelona, while another disused one is being turned into a shopping mall. It stages 15 fights a year which are rarely sold out, out of a nationwide total of roughly 1,000 bouts per season.

Still, bullfighting buffs and Spanish conservatives have taken the drama very seriously, seeing a stinging anti-Spanish rebuke in the grass roots, anti-bullfighting drive which started in the region last year. But Joan Puigercos, a lawmaker from a Catalan pro-independence party, insisted this was not about politics or national identity but rather "the suffering of the animal. That is the question, nothing more."

He said that even though attendance at bullfights is on the decline in Spain it would be morally wrong to sit back and just let the Spanish national pastime die a natural death. However, the Catalan regional president, Jose Montilla, said Catalonia should have done just that - let social customs evolve to the point where bullfighting would vanish on its own, rather than legislate an end to it and deny people's right to choose whether to go the ring.

"I voted against the ban because I believe in freedom," Montilla said. □

PET DOGS COPY THEIR OWNERS' ACTIONS

His master's mimic! Pet dogs copy their owners' actions, say researchers. A new study has revealed that dogs copy humans - the four legged canines automatically imitate hand movements with their paws and mouth movements with their muzzles, the Daily Mail reported. According to Austrian researchers, dogs imitative abilities are shaped by the way their owners actually interact with them as they grow up. The findings have been published in the 'Proceedings of the Royal Society B' journal. □

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