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Dr. S.K. Dutta, Deputy Commissioner, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Govt. of India taken over the charge of Secretary, AWBI

Consequent to the repatriation of Dr. Neelam Bala from the post of Secretary, AWBI, Dr. S. K. Dutta, Deputy Commissioner, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Govt. of India has taken over the charge of the Secretary, AWBI in addition to his existing duties of the Deputy Commissioner. He is looking after the work of the Secretary, AWBI with effect from 30.01.2020 on relieving of the Dr. Neelam Bala. The post of the Secretary, AWBI has been advertised through a Govt. notification which is available on the website of the AWBI and yet to be filled up.

Dr. Neelam Bala, Secretary AWBI repatriated to her parent department



Dr. Neelam Bala, Secretary, AWBI has been repatriated to her parent department prematurely w.e.f. 30.01.2020. She joined AWBI as Secretary with effect from 04.10.2018 with a tenure of 3 years to serve the Board but due to the correspondence from the Govt. of Uttar Pradesh she was repatriated prematurely to her parent department.

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PM Narendra Modi launched several programs in Mathura (Photo: ANI)

Mathura, Sept. 11, 2019: Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the National Animal Disease Control Program (NADCP) for eradicating the foot and mouth disease (FMD) and brucellosis in cattle during the 'Pashu Arogya Mela' at Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Veterinary Science University and Cattle Research Institute. He announced several animal welfare schemes and laid the foundation stone in a key initiative aimed at doubling farmer's income and making our country free from single use plastic which ultimately

affects the health of our animal friends.

The two-day fair was organised for the promotion of animal health and various steps for enhancing income for farmers and an exhibition of high breed cattle. The National Animal Disease Control Program aims to eradicate Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Brucellosis in the livestock and to vaccinate over 500 Million livestock including cattle, buffalo, sheep, goats and pigs against foot and mouth disease and vaccinating 36 million female bovine calves annually in its

fight against Brucellosis disease under its two components of controlling the diseases by 2025 and eradication by 2030.

HIGHLIGHTS:

-PM Narendra Modi segregated plastic waste at the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' programme in Mathura.

-He launched various animal welfare schemes and inaugurated mega campaign against FMD disease.

-PM also launched a campaign against single-use plastic products.

CM UP Yogi Adityanath, Minister for Dairy Development & AH and Fisheries Laxmi Narain Chaudhary, Minister for Energy Srikant Sharma and Shri Atul Kumar Chaturvedi, Secretary, MoFAH&D were also present in the programme. Member of Parliament from Mathura Hema Malini, MLA Karinda Singh and MLA Pooran Prakash welcomed the guests.

Criminality in convicts reduces amongst those who rear cows

December 7, 2019: Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat, while addressing an event during Gauseva Awards in Pune, Maharashtra, said that criminality in convicts reduces amongst those who rear cows and they are less prone to committing crimes. It was informed by the officials of a jail authority. When outpouring of outrage continued as religious leaders condemned the heinous rape and murder while RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat said there can't be any compromise with the dignity of women and children should be taught to always respect them.



Mohan Bhagwat was addressing audience at Gauseva Awards in Pune (File photo from PTI)



Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (MoFAH&D) addressed the team of AWBI in his chamber at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi on 22 July, 2020.

Existing Schemes and Programs:

Human health sector is implementing a dedicated program named as National Rabies Control Program or NRCP for control of human rabies. NRCP provides support for strengthening of rabies surveillance & monitoring, strengthening of laboratory facilities for rabies diagnosis, capacity building, extension/awareness generation and operational research. Post Exposure Prophylaxis and Rabies Immuno Globulin are being provided to all dog bite victims at government hospitals at free of cost.

Talking about the animal Health Sector, under 'The Prevention & Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act, 2009', animal rabies is a notifiable disease. Though presently we do not have a dedicated control program for combating rabies, there is provision for providing assistance to the States for anti-rabies vaccination, strengthening of State Biological Production Centers and State disease diagnostic Labs, training of vets & para-vets, workshop, surveillance and monitoring of animal

diseases, mass awareness program and cold chain maintenance under the Assistance to States for control of animal diseases(ASCAD) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) scheme.

The Animal Welfare Board also has a separate 'Scheme for Birth Control and Immunization of Stray Dogs' under which registered NGOs and civic bodies are funded for mass dog anti rabies vaccination and stray dog sterilization. Several municipal corporations and civic bodies have come forward to support and implement the ABC /ARV program on participatory basis with AWBI in their respective areas. The AWBI has brought out a manual on "Standard Operating Procedures for Sterilization of Stray Dogs under the Animal Birth Control Program and their Anti-Rabies vaccination", which needs to be strictly followed by all AWOs implementing ABC Program.

Shri Giriraj Singh, Hon'ble Minister, MoFAH&D addressing team of AWBI

Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (MoFAH&D) addressed the team of Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) in his chamber at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi on 22 July, 2020. Hon'ble Minister suggested various aspects on making the gaushalas self-sustainable by using cow dung and urine for production of byproducts, use of biogas, making idols, Flower / plant pots (Gamlas) and Deepaks from cow dung, panchagavya products, Gonyl (Phenyl made by cow urine), Dhoop Batti, Mosquito repellants, pesticides, herbicides etc. Hon'ble Minister also discussed about the ways to make the dry cows self-reliant through the byproducts so that these dry cows are reared by the public and the number of stray cattle on the streets / roads is reduced.



Dr. O.P. Chaudhary, Chairman delivered a talk during World Rabies Day at Chandigarh on 28th September, 2019



World Rabies Day observed on 28th September globally every year to create awareness which is the key driver for success of effective rabies prevention. Rabies is a unique zoonotic disease which is fatal but 100% preventable if treated timely. All the animal lovers, NGOs, AWOs and stakeholders to spread the message of "Rabies Free India" by ensuring that maximum number of stray / pet dogs are sterilized / neutered and vaccinated against Rabies. The number of human deaths in India from Rabies as projected by WHO is around 20 thousand every year. Elimination of Rabies in Human Beings requires control of Rabies in Dogs. As per WHO guidelines, 70% of country's dog population needs to be immunized to create herd immunity and to break the chain of transmission of rabies virus.



The World Animal Day was celebrated by the Animal Welfare Board of India at its headquarters at Sikri, Ballabhgarh, Haryana. To observe the World Animal Day (WAD) on 4th October, 2019 a meeting was organized wherein Dr. O.P. Chaudhary, IFS, Chairman, AWBI addressed the AWBI staff members.

Ahinsa Parmo Dharmah : Mahatma Gandhi



Ballabhgarh, 2nd October, 2019: The 150th Birth Anniversary of Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi and the 116th Birth Anniversary of India's second Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri celebrated at AWBI Headquarters at NIAW Campus Sikri, Ballabhgarh, Faridabad (Haryana). Dr. Neelam Bala, Secretary, staff members of AWBI and NIAW paid their tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri commemorating their great ideas and contribution towards the nation for freedom and establishing such great milestones of Ahimsa and Tolerance.

Dr. Neelam Bala, Secretary, AWBI said that each of us is inspired by the quotes, ideas, and biography of Mahatma Gandhiji which are very useful in our day to day life and provides solution for various challenges. Remembering Gandhi ji, she read the quote of Mahatma Gandhi, *"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way that its animals are treated."* She said that the Animal Welfare Board of India is working on the basis of this quote of Gandhi ji. Ahimsa Parmo Dharmah is the another such slogan which teaches us all that animals should not suffer any cruelty or pain and must be given their right to live. She stressed that on the occasion of 150th anniversary of Gandhi ji, we must be sensitized to understand the pain and sufferings of the animals to provide them better and happy life. She finished her talk by saying that we all should be compassionate towards the speechless animals.



Celebrating the 150th birth anniversary of Gandhi ji and to propagate the Swachhta Mission of Govt. of India, the Secretary and staff of AWBI and NIAW cleaned their office premises and its surroundings.

An appeal for cracker free Diwali

On the occasion of Diwali, the festival of lights, most of people spend lots of money for purchase of crackers and burns these. These crackers not only cause lots of harm and pollution to our planet earth and environment but also leaves us with lots of noise pollution on this auspicious day because of the way it is celebrated. The true spirit of the festival Diwali is in doing good and making all happy including our animal friends and nature. Therefore, the Animal Welfare Board of India appeal all of you to celebrate this Diwali in a new way in which our animal friends and environment should not have bad impacts and our hard-earned money should not be spent on crackers even it should be spent for welfare of animals so that they live happily and bless you all and we can breathe in good quality air as the quality of air reaches to its bad quality prior to Diwali generally. Furthermore, the idols and deepaks (diwa) made from cow dung may be used instead of other sources of kindling to make the environment pollution free and to make the gaushalas more sustainable.

"Let's all take oath that no more crackers and air pollution and suffering for animals."

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Dr. Neelam Bala, Secretary, Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) said that all the animals great and small are entitled for their rights and should have 5 freedoms to lead their lives. She told that the World Animal Day is being celebrated globally to create awareness for protection of animals from unnecessary pain and sufferings. She further said that this is also celebrated to recognize the status of the animals, to improve their welfare standard, to educate people about animal rights, to respect their feelings, to recognize animals as a sentient being and to sensitize people to have love and compassion to animals. Plantation was also done in the office campus on this day to protect the environment.

"Lord Mahavira said that, "Regard every living being as thyself and harm no one."

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There is an urgent need to tackle the stray dog population with a more effective municipal licensing of pet dogs and awareness campaigns for better and responsible dog ownership and management practices are needed. This is where dog owners, civic societies, animal welfare and non-government organizations can play a proactive role. The sheer magnitude and logistics of catching, neutering and releasing of such a huge number of stray dogs is a big challenge for the successful outcome of the ABC Program. The burden of rabies can be reduced by promoting and implementing Animal Birth Control/Anti Rabies Program, mass anti rabies vaccination and education Programs.

Chairman, Animal Welfare Board of India spoke on the key achievements of AWBI for controlling the incidence of Rabies and population of stray dogs with the help of AWOs wherein a sizeable number of ABC /AR programme was facilitated by AWBI. The state of art SOP compiled by AWBI for guidelines of AWOs, trained more than 500 Veterinarians, Para vets and Dog Catchers, over 3 lakhs stray dogs sterilized and immunized in the country, 67020 & 185300 dogs were sterilized and vaccinated respectively during 2015-16 to 2016-17 in coordination with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare under National Rabies Control Programme. The incidence of human rabies has considerably declined consequent to successful implementation of AWBI's Animal Birth Control / Anti Rabies (ABC/AR) Program in several places such as Chennai, Jaipur, Kalimpong, Gangtok, Dehradun, Nanital, Hyderabad, Hisar and Delhi.

Chairman, AWBI suggested that the intensive sterilization and anti-Rabies vaccination of street dogs, Solid and garbage waste management, sustainable and successful ABC/ARV Program by skilled Veterinary Surgeons / Paravets and Humane Dog Catchers, a well-coordinated and executed ABC/ARV Program, Awareness and education is the need of the day to address the street dogs' overpopulation and incidence of Rabies.

In India large population of stray dogs along with lack of awareness among common people and lack of surveillance and reporting of animal rabies is the main hindrance to achieve the goal of rabies free India. Through clearly defined vision, strategic approach, strong resolution and advocacy at all level of society, we will certainly be able to achieve this target.

The animal lovers, animal welfare activists, NGOs and AWOs to spread the message "Rabies Free India" in a befitting manner by ensuring that maximum number of stray dogs / pet dogs are sterilized /neutered and mass anti-rabies vaccination drive of stray / pet dogs is organized in respective locality / town and public awareness is created in the Society about prevention of Rabies on the occasion of World Rabies Day. *"Let us help the "Man's Best Friend".*



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The Board issued a letter to the Chief Secretary, the Principal Secretary, Animal Husbandry Department, The Member Secretary State Animal Welfare Board, The Director Animal Husbandry Department, All Recognized Animal Welfare Organizations and all Honorary State / District Animal Welfare Officers of all the States / UTs of the country to address the Animal Welfare issues in a humane manner so that more and more people are motivated to join the Animal Welfare Movement. Main highlights of the letter are reproduced for implementation for welfare of our animal friends:

- ◆ Training of Gaushala personnel to utilize full potential of cow dung and urine for production of bio-gas, vermicomposting, bio-pesticides, organic soaps, agarbattis and panchgavya medicines towards self-sustenance and employment generation to the rural masses.
- ◆ Animal Birth Control (ABC) / Anti Rabies (AR) programme to check over population of stray dogs and to control the incidences of Rabies.
- ◆ Rescue sick and injured animals to provide necessary treatment and to announce campaign to adopt homeless street animals from the streets.
- ◆ Start animal shelters / gaushalas with a Veterinary Doctor to treat the animals in distress and provide them shelter and fodder.
- ◆ Creating awareness amongst the society, concerned citizens and law enforcement agencies by distributing pamphlets, poster and banners etc. to sensitize them to treat our animal friends with love and compassion and to treat them in more and more humane manner.

Inauguration of the Machine for making Logs from Cow Dung at Balaji Gaushala, Salasar, Dist. Churu, Rajasthan

Balaji Gaushala, Salasar has inaugurated the machine for making logs from the cow dung at its campus. The gaushala is having a large number of cows sheltered in it and utilizing the cow dung for making logs as these logs are having multiple utility. Gaushala president Shri Ravi Pujari stated that the machine has been purchased and installed in the gaushala. The excess amount of the cow dung will be utilized for making logs and these logs will be sold out and funds will be generated for the gaushala. These logs will not only in demand for cooking purpose but also are used in the Yagnas, Hawans, Holi fires and in funerals as the cow dung is considered to be pious in nature and people are using these for such purposes. These logs are also environment friendly and keeping the environment clean and pure. These cow dung logs are also being used as the replacement of the wooden logs for cooking and other purposes.

The byproducts are very useful and could be very useful if utilized and marketed properly to make the cow economically viable. The Panchgavyas produced by the Indigenous cows are very useful and having medicinal properties. This is a very good initiative taken by Balaji Gaushala, Salasar and needs to be replicated in maximum gaushalas to make them self-reliant.



71st Republic Day Celebrated at AWBI Hqs. at Sikri, Ballabgarh, Haryana



Animal Welfare Board of India celebrated 71st Republic Day at its headquarter at NIAW Campus, Sikri, Ballabgarh, Haryana on 26th January, 2020. Dr. Neelam Bala, Secretary, AWBI hoisted the flag where all the officers and employees participated in the celebration.

Friederike Irina serves Cow and its Progeny

Friederike Irina, who hails from Germany and considered India her home for the last over 20 years, has been honoured with Padma Shri for her exceptional work in

the field of animal welfare. Popularly known as Sudevi Dasi, she had founded Radha Surabhi Goshala in 1996 in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh.

The Radha Surabhi Goshala provides shelter to the homeless and abandoned cows. It provides food for no less than 1,800 cows every day as also provides medical aid for the sick, handicapped and the injured cows. She is running the institution with the help of donations and her own funds from her native country. She is continuously trying to help out cow and its progeny by providing proper food, shelter and essential medical treatment. Still the abandoned, injured, infirm, old, sick and injured animals are taken by her institution with the sole aim to reduce their sufferings.

News in Brief: -

- ◆ Board conducted a three days training program for Honorary Animal Welfare Officers at its Hqs. at Sikri, Ballabgarh and the valedictory program was held on 30.01.2020.
- ◆ 50th Annual General Meeting of the Board held virtually on 03.09.2020.