Shri Atul Chaturvedi, IAS has taken over as Secretary, DAHD, MoFAH&D

Shri Atul Chaturvedi, IAS (Assam Meghalaya Cadre) has taken over as Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying in August, 2019. Shri Chaturvedi was briefed about the organizational setup, mandate and working of Animal Welfare Board of India along with the Animal Welfare Division by Dr. O. P. Chaudhary, Chairman, AWBI.

Dr. O. P. Chaudhary, IFS has taken over as Chairman of the Animal Welfare Board of India

Dr. O. P. Chaudhary, a senior IFS officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre has assumed the additional charge of Chairman AWBI w.e.f. 23.05.2019 after resignation of Shri S. P. Gupta as Chairman. Dr. Chaudhary has vast experience in the field of administration, policy formulation, regulation, implementation, training and education. Presently he is working as a Joint Secretary, AWBI.

Shri Atul Chaturvedi, IAS

Change of Administrative Ministry of Animal Welfare Board of India

The administrative Ministry of Animal Welfare Board of India was changed from Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare vide Gazette Notification No. S.O. 1531 (E) dated 04.04.2019 under amendment to the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules 1961. On formation of new Government in May, 2019 and on inception of new ministry for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, the administrative ministry of the Board has further been changed to Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying. The Board is working under the aegis of the new Ministry. The Chairman, Animal Welfare Board of India Dr. O.P. Chaudhary, briefed Hon’ble Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Shri Giriraj Singh and Hon’ble Ministers of State Dr. Sanjeev Balyan and Shri Pratap Chandra Sarangi about the working and mandate of the Board through power point presentation.

Shri Giriraj Singh, Hon’ble Minister, FAH&D

Shri Giriraj Singh, Hon’ble Minister, FAH&D visited Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Pashu Chikitsa Vigyan Vishwavidyalaya Evam Go-Anusandhan Sansthan, Mathura & CIRG, Makhdoom

Shri Giriraj Singh, Hon’ble Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Govt. of India visited Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Pashu Chikitsa Vigyan Vishwavidyalaya Evam Go-Anusandhan Sansthan Mathura on 17th August, 2019 and the Central Institute for Research on Goat (CIRG), Makhdoom, Farah, Mathura to oversee the activities. Dr. O.P. Chaudhary, IFS, Chairman, AWBI also accompanied Hon’ble Minister during his Mathura visit.

Milk Plant at Shri Mata Ji Gaushala, Barsana, U.P. inaugurated

Dr. O.P. Chaudhary, IFS, Chairman AWBI inaugurated Milk Dairy Plant at Shri Mata Ji Gaushala, Barsana, Dist. Mathura, Uttar Pradesh. The Gaushala is sheltering more than 50000 cattle. This organization is aiming to provide good quality Milk for consumption of the public for their better health. He said that the gaushala is involved in the rescue work of the cattle and provides them good sheltering facilities with proper fodder and medical treatment. The rescued cattle from the nearby states are also accepted and sheltered by this gaushala. AWBI Members Prof. R.S. Chauhan and Shri Sunil Mansinghka were also present in the inaugural function.
Shri Girish J. Shah, Member AWBI and Dr. Neelam Bala, Secretary AWBI discussing animal welfare issues with Hon’ble Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh

No more elephant joyrides in Idukki, Kerala

The Animal Welfare Board of India had written to all District Collectors in the state of Kerala on March 3, 2016, requesting to initiate action against all firms using elephants for safari on collection of money without registering with the Board. An inquiry conducted by Idukki ACF in 2018 showed nine elephant safari firms did not possess registration certificates. The office of the Idukki District Collector has issued an order banning elephant joyrides conducted by nine private firms who failed to procure permission from the Animal Welfare Board of India as it is mandatory to obtain certificate under Performing Animals Registration Rules 2001. Based on the report action was recommended against the errant firms. According to the report, the firms owned 43 captive elephants for joy ride. Idukki Additional District Magistrate conducted a meeting and issued notices to the nine firms on June 18 to produce registration certificates within 15 days. As the firms failed to produce the certificates, the Collector issued an order dated 27.07.2019 banning their functioning.

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ary, in the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India. Dr. O. P. Chaudhary is dealing with policy matters and implementation of National Schemes. He is also National Mission Leader for National Livestock Mission.

Before joining Union Government, he served as Chief Conservator of Forest (CCF), in the State of Madhya Pradesh; Vice Chancellor, Singhania University, Rajasthan and Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, EPFO, Ministry of Labour, Government of India.

He is highly qualified environmental engineer turned as most dedicated and committed bureaucrat with passion for environmental conservation and sustainable development. He has very brilliant track record during his past services as well as academic excellence in higher studies from top Institutions in the country including M. Tech from IIT Roorkee, One Year General Management Programme for Executive from IIM Lucknow and also obtained Doctorate Degree in Financial Management from Symbiosis International University, Pune. He is also credited with various technical and scientific publications. He has travelled widely across the country and overseas; represented the country on various fora and honoured from time to time for his outstanding contributions in the area of public administration, implementation of the programs and educa-
Government is conscious about the welfare of homeless animals: Dr. O. P. Chaudhary, Chairman, AWBI

Dr. O.P. Chaudhary, IFS, Chairman, AWBI visited few gaushalas at Jhunjhunu on 8th June, 2019 and had meeting with the District Collector and other officials of the district administration and animal welfare activists and representatives of the Animal Welfare Organizations. He said that the Government is conscious about the welfare of homeless animals and trying to accommodate these homeless and abandoned animals in the local Gaushalas. He emphasized that the Gaushalas should try to become self-reliant by making bi-products from the Gobar, Gaumutra and Panchgavya etc. and can contribute to resolve the problem of homeless / stray animals in their respective areas. Dr. Chaudhary said that each and every person of our society should contribute in the noble cause of animal welfare and their protection from the sufferings as all creatures are very important part of our society.

In Country Stepwise Approach towards Rabies Elimination (SARE) Assessment Workshop held from 6th – 8th June, 2019 at New Delhi

In Country Stepwise Approach towards Rabies Elimination (SARE) Assessment Workshop organized by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Govt. of India in collaboration with the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC) was held at New Delhi from 6th June – 8th June, 2019. The stepwise approach towards Rabies Elimination has been developed for practical planning, monitoring and evaluation tool to guide, develop and refine rabies control programs. This tool provides tangible and attainable steps for the control and prevention of dog transmitted rabies which remains still a scourge in our country.

73rd Independence Day Celebrated at AWBI, Sikri, Ballabhgarh, Haryana

Animal Welfare Board of India celebrated 73rd Independence Day at its headquarters at NIAW Campus, Sikri, Ballabhgarh, Haryana on 15th August, 2019. Dr. Neelam Bala, Secretary, AWBI hoisted the flag and paid tribute to the freedom fighters and the heroes of the freedom who fought for the cause for years and many of them sacrificed their lives for freedom. All the officers and employees participated in the celebration.

International conference on Animal Welfare at Bergen, Norway

Dr. Neelam Bala, Secretary, AWBI participated in an international conference on Animal Welfare organized by International Society for Applied Ethology from 5-9 August, 2019 at Bergen, Norway. Delegates from 37 countries participated in the conference and deliberated on the issues pertaining to the welfare of animals globally. Experiences were shared amongst the delegates about best practices on animal welfare in their respective countries. It was great learning experience, exchange between the experts and specialists during the conference. Dr. Neelam Bala highlighted the issues related to the animal welfare and also explained the role of AWBI in resolving such issues. It is noteworthy that India is at the forefront of ensuring welfare of animals both domestic and wild; large and small.
Chairman, AWBI Dr. O.P. Chaudhary inaugurated “Jeevkarunya” Animal Hospital and Mobile Clinic

Dr. O.P. Chaudhary, IFS, Chairman, AWBI inaugurated “Jeevkarunya” Animal Hospital and Mobile Clinic facility at Thovalai Village, Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu on 14th June, 2019. Chairman and Secretary AWBI appreciated efforts of this project. During his inaugural speech Chairman AWBI said that this project will help the homeless animals to get good and timely treatment.

The Chairman had meeting with the District Collector and other officials of Animal Husbandry, Local Body, Revenue Department, Rural Development Department and other departments wherein he discussed the issues related to animal welfare and protection of homeless animals from unnecessary pain and sufferings. Secretary AWBI Dr. Neelam Bala elaborated schemes of the Board for welfare of animals.

Inauguration of Kamdhenu Modern Cow Hospital

The Kamdhenu Modern Cow Hospital established and run by Shri Krishna Seva Dal (Regd.) at Charkhi Dadri, District Bhiwani of Haryana was inaugurated on 21st April, 2019 to treat the sick and injured cattle with the modern technology and equipments. Dr. Neelam Bala appreciated the steps taken by the Shri Krishna Seva Dal, Dadri to establish the well-equipped hospital with X-ray, Operation Theater, Pathology and OPD facilities which will go a long way to serve the animals of the area.

3 Days Training Program organized at Lucknow, U.P.

Shri Girish J. Shah, Member AWBI and Dr. Neelam Bala, Secretary AWBI inaugurated a three days training program on animal welfare and gauushala management organized at Lucknow from 22 - 24 July, 2019 for animal welfare activists and gauushala personnel. The main aim of the training program was creating awareness amongst the participants about the animal welfare laws and for treating the animals with love and compassion. The animals should be catered using good husbandry practices and they should not be subjected to unnecessary pain and suffering especially during their transportation from one place to another. The participants were briefed about the various welfare schemes of the GoI of India and state of Uttar Pradesh so that the animals could be provided with better sheltering, fodder and treatment facilities.

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