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Stop telling the world how big the STORM is



Instead tell the storm how big your WORLD is

**Kill not, cause no pain.
Non-violence
is the greatest religion.**

~ Mahāvîra



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The Commemorative issue of the Animal Crusaders 2010 has been a wondrous publication. I can only, like so many others, extend to you my heartfelt thanks for letting me feel a little of yours-- and others' -- compassion. It is a beautiful feeling. May your compassion be its own reward!

Wishing the best for
Animal Crusaders 2011

~ KPS Menon

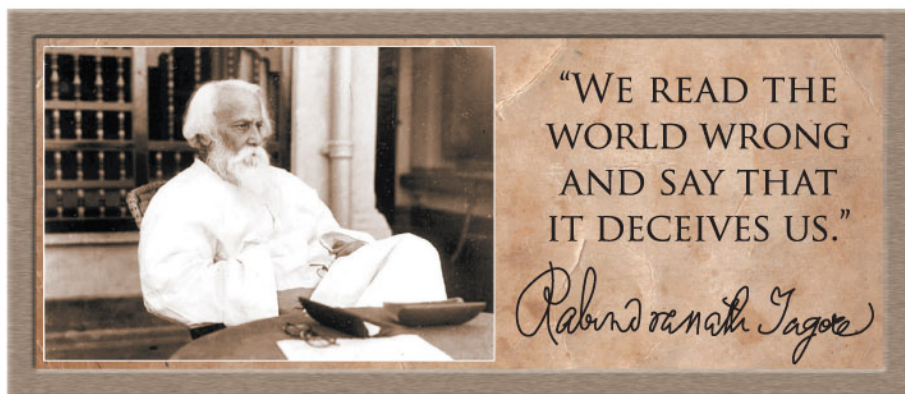


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Rabindranath : 150th Birth Anniversary



UN climate negotiations at Durban:

Climate negotiators agreed a pact on December 11, 2011, that would for the first time force all the biggest polluters to take action on greenhouse gas emissions, though the action plan may not look aggressive enough to slow the pace of global warming. India worked closely with BASIC group and other like-minded countries at the Durban

climate talks to ensure that its three agenda issues — equity, intellectual property on green technologies and unilateral trade barriers — become central to the UN climate negotiations after having fallen off the talks table at the Cancun meet last year. The package of accords extended the Kyoto Protocol, the only global pact that enforces carbon cuts, agreed the format of a fund to help poor countries tackle climate change and mapped out a path to a legally binding agreement on emissions reductions, based on principles of fairness and justice.

বনে থাকে বাঘ
গাছে থাকে পাখি
এ সহজ পাঠ
ভুলে গেলে নাকি?



Rabindranath Tagore and his 'natural' outlook!

During the celebrations to mark his 150th birth anniversary we are reiterating his deep love and vision of earth as the universal mother.

Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941) had a clear vision on the issues concerning the environment almost a century ago. He communicated through numerous enlightening writings

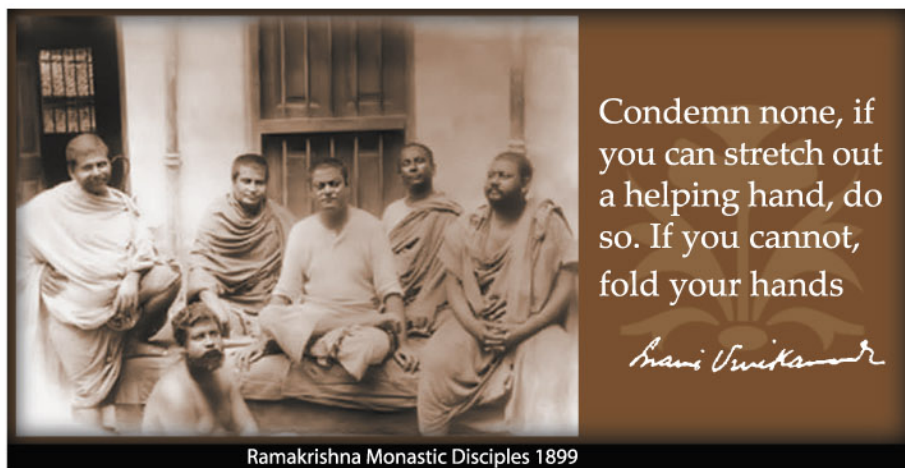
that rivers, forests, wildlife, birds, insects; all life on earth including the human are things to be celebrated not exploited! Santiniketan, can be literally translated as "a haven of peace", where amongst a pristine nature, Rabindranath initiated the festival of the mother earth through 'briksharopan' (planting of trees) in the rainy season (July) way back in 1927.

Rabindranath wrote the song 'Marubijoyer ketan urao', not actually condemning a natural phenomenon like desert but in a subtle manner calling out for conservation of existing forest cover.

In every work of genius, we recognize our own rejected thoughts; they come back to us with a certain alienated majesty.~ R.W. Emerson



Vivekananda : 150th Birth Anniversary



Ramakrishna Monastic Disciples 1899

Condemn none, if
you can stretch out
a helping hand, do
so. If you cannot,
fold your hands

Swami Vivekananda

Putting God behind everything!

The year 1863 witnessed the arrival of one of the greatest sons of India. To mark the 150th anniversary of this event in 2014, the birth of Narendranath Dutta, later known the world over as Swami Vivekananda, a four-year long celebration has been planned and launched by the Prime Minister. The celebration will mark

the implementation of various schemes --- educational, cultural and welfare oriented. These would be dear to the great humanist that Swamiji was. His motto "Every human being is potentially divine" is well-known. He went further and said "Put God behind everything - human beings, animals, food and work. Make this a habit." These words hold out an important message to today's strife-torn world.

We the Compassionate Crusaders want to celebrate the memory of this

great soul in our own way by planning a few schemes that we hope will benefit the needy; taking forward our customary activity in the sphere of animal welfare to a composite plan embracing the "human" and the "non-human." Among the elderly and the orphaned young who need to be looked after are those displaced by the micro-familial concept and also environmental problems like drought and deforestation. It is our dream to bring under one umbrella such needy ones and also the needy dumb creatures who also have a right to be looked after. We envisage a scene where they all live in dignity, giving and receiving affection. We hope to create an amiable atmosphere where informal training can be imparted to the people living there, namely, in activities like animal-care and gardening.

Our dream of mutual help can surely grant a feeling of being wanted and cherished, assuring a sense of security and contentment.

~ Laitha Menon

Life Member-Compassionate Crusaders Trust

Dear Swami Vivekananda,

I trust, you remember me as a fellow-traveller on your voyage from Japan to Chicago. I very much recall at this moment your views on the growth of the ascetic spirit in India, and the duty, not of destroying, but of diverting it into useful channels.

I recall these ideas in connection with my scheme of *Research Institute of Science* for India, of which you have doubtless heard or read. It seems to me that no better use can be made of the ascetic spirit than the establishment of monasteries or residential halls for men dominated by this spirit, where they should live with ordinary decency, and devote their lives to the cultivation of sciences - natural and humanistic. I am of the opinion that, if such a crusade in favour of an asceticism of this kind were undertaken by a competent leader, it would greatly help asceticism, science, and the good name of our common country; and I know not who would make a more fitting general of such a campaign than Vivekananda. Do you think you would care to apply yourself to the mission of galvanizing into life our traditions in this respect? Perhaps, you had better begin with a fiery pamphlet rousing our people in this matter. I should cheerfully defray all the expenses of publication.

With kind regards,

23rd November, 1898
Esplanade House, Bombay

Visionary meets Missionary

I am, dear Swami,
Yours faithfully,

Jamsetji N. Tata
JAMSETJI N. TATA

A commemorative grant of Rs. 1.10 crores for Swamiji's school:

The 150th Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda is being commemorated by the Govt. of India. The Committee for this purpose has offered a grant for the renovation of the Metropolitan Institution (Main), Kolkata (founded in 1864 by Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar) where Swamiji started his education in 1871 and passed the entrance examination in 1879.

Compassionate Crusaders Trust's founder Debasis Chakrabarti also did his schooling at Metropolitan Institution and has had the good fortune to walk the same hallowed ground.

Where can we go to find God if we cannot see Him
in our own hearts and in every living being. ~ Swami Vivekananda



Bhalo Basha ~ Difference is in deference

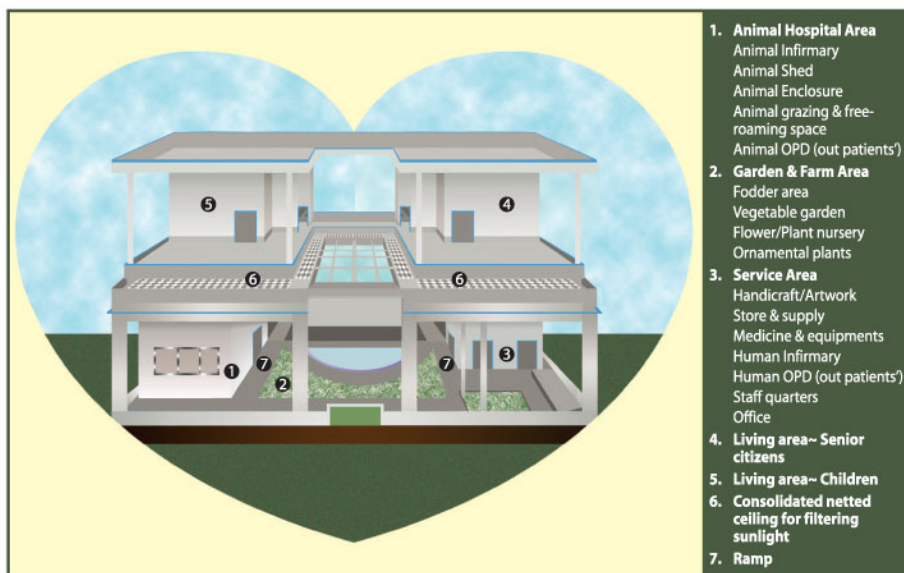
Bhalo Basha - Home & Family regained

Compassionate Crusaders wants to launch a project-concept dedicated to the memory of the great soul, Swami Vivekananda. This will be a UNIQUE project in the world.

"Environmental refugees" and micro family concept is taking a heavy toll of, especially, the youngsters and senior citizens. The effect is both physical as well as psychological.

Environmental Refugees ~ The Climate Institute published in 1995 the first-ever rigorous assessment of the plight of a growing number of people displaced as a result of environmental problems such as drought, soil erosion, desertification and deforestation. The fast-growing numbers of people who can no longer gain a secure livelihood in their homelands because of these problems are of great concern within regions and also within the international community as a whole.

The project BHALO BASHA: Home & Family regained, is conceptualized to facilitate the right to live with love and dignity; for not-so well-off Elderly citizens, Orphan children along with homeless & owner rejected animals. Unlike the conventional



facilities, our idea is different in having the elderly and the young ones under the same roof. The concept of keeping all old people in a home where they only see one another and the same with "youngster only" homes, has a severe social and psychological limitation. The difference is in deference.

A composite plan where a grandparent will get the company of grandchildren and vice versa. In addition, with both the group enjoying the company or helping the suffering mutes or even pursuing gardening as a hobby and/or getting a 'on the job' hands on training in the 'tricks of the trade' of Animal care and/or Gardening. The idea is to provide for economic as well as emotional self-support to the people concerned.

Apart from our expertise/network in handling animal management

and related social issues, we have proved ourselves in managing the other two components of the proposed project. We have been empowering youths from the tribal/OBC/minority community through training. We also sheltered destitute humans by involving them into dignified activity whenever we got the right ambience and reciprocal motivation.

CCT plans to join hands with philanthropists from home & abroad and also Government departments looking after the affairs of child welfare and welfare of the elderly for fast implementation as well as smooth running of the project. Detailed project report will be prepared keeping the community hygiene, safety for all, specific requirement of the groups and many more related logistics.

The I in illness is isolation, and the crucial letters in wellness are we.



Symbiotic Crusade



Spreading Compassion

Six MBA students of Symbiosis Institute of Media and Communication, Pune, Anindita Dutta Roy, Soham Sengupta, Vineet Mishra, Divya Gupta, Srimoyee Dasgupta and Vikram Agarwal, on internship with Compassionate Crusaders Trust from 13th to 23rd October 2011 documented with photographs the activities of CCT as well as spreading the words through networking sites, blogs and posters.



A Friend In Need

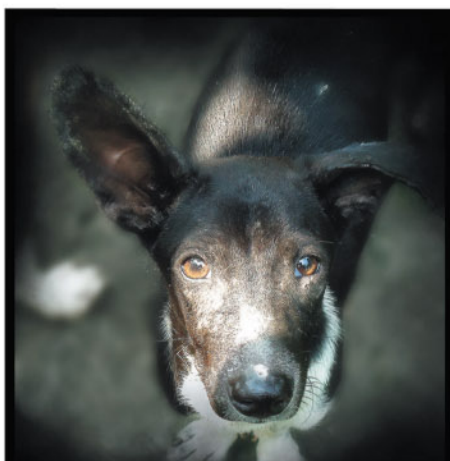


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When asked what he would do, if he knew the next day he was going to die,
Martin Luther replied, "I would plant a tree".



Catch 'em Young



Promoting Compassion

Three MBA students of Symbiosis Institute of Media & Communication, Bangalore, Aloka Chatterjea, Manish Mehra and Shubhamoy Ghoshal, on internship at CCT, visited Loreto School, Sealdah on 8th November, 2011, as a part of an initiative to promote awareness amongst the school children for compassionate treatment of animals. The Principal, Sr. Cyril (UNESCO Awardee), made the programme a success by extending her cooperation.



We worry about what a child will become tomorrow,
yet we forget that he is someone today. ~Stacia Tauscher



SoS



Our favourite wild birds in danger of extinction

London: United Kingdom
October 06, 2010

The experts think that our most familiar birds will be extinct in the very near future. The house sparrows, cuckoos, swifts, kestrel and skylarks are all in great danger. The RSPB also listed 40 species which need help the

most. RSPB Conservation Director Dr Mark Avery states that in an economic crisis they have to prioritise which birds need the most help. He is appealing to politicians, business leaders and the third sector (volunteers).

Twelve species which includes the house sparrow, lapwing and turtle dove needs to be rescued from the brink of extinction immediately.

[Excerpts: <http://www.allvoices.com/users/mariahardy>]

School students campaign to save sparrows

TIMES NEWS NETWORK
Tuesday, November 1, 2011



Kolkata: On the occasion of the 100th birth anniversary of His Holiness Dr Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (TUS), spiritual leader of the Bohra community, MSB Educational Institute, Kolkata recently organized an awareness

walk, Save Our Sparrows (SOS). The walk started from the school premises and ended at the Armenian Sports Club. Well-known footballer and the present coach of West Bengal Shabbir Ali flagged off the event.

Around 200 students and 300 parents from MSB walked along with 300 people from the Bohra community. Nearly 250 students and 10 teachers from Saifee Hall also participated in the walk.

[Excerpts]

*And those who were seen dancing were thought to be insane
by those who could not hear the music.~ Friedrich Nietzsche*



SoS



Chatpati.... the mercurial fledgling!

Back from my tutorial: one afternoon last summer, I heard a strange chirping from under the bed. Oh my God, it was cute little baby house sparrow (charai pakhi), her twinkling eyes watching me keenly from a safe corner. As I tried to 'rescue' her she kept dodging me all around the room! Ultimately she was cornered and kept under the safe cover of a cane-basket and we decided to look after the 'orphan' fledgling till she is big enough to fly.

'Rescue' was a success but our real skill-test was to feed the 'noisy-baby' every now and then. Firstly, what should be her diet! We two sisters started taking turn hand-feeding her, emulating a mother bird, with soaked bread/biscuits. But she was not amused and kept shirking in between! Then we decided to mix some soaked rice in her food and that did the trick,

she was happy. Within a week she started taking food on her own, may be to escape from our 'care'!

As she grew up her food habits changed to milk-soaked bread, leafy vegetables, 'chanachur' (fried mixed snack) and the most favourite being the home-made 'sandesh' (milk based sweetmeat).

We kept her free in the day time to make her practice flying, but she showed no interest in the world outside. Our aunt named her Chatpati (the mercurial)! True to her name, she kept fleeing around inside the house.

Chatpati was much disciplined in her habits, taking daily bath inside our washroom, cleaning her beaks after each meal, picking up even the smallest of litters from the remote corners of the room and she had no animal-odour. Her day time nap would be anywhere but at night she would insist on sleeping in her personal 'bedroom', a cardboard box.

Chatpati would mesmerize all by her pranks; pecking at the pen when somebody was writing, insist on sitting on the lap whenever we sat on the floor, sitting on the feet when we sat on a chair, jumping around on the study table to play with books & papers, stealing a wink or two for a few seconds just to get fresh and let go!

I would never have understood how sensitive and smart a tiny little bird could be if I did not get

to watch Chatpati so closely. She could make a distinctly sweet whistling sound, listen to music very keenly and most strikingly, she not only recognised each of us she understood the family 'hierarchy' perfectly!

I distinctly remember one incident when she actually complained against me to my aunt. Chatpati was walking around all over me as I lay on the floor, as usual 'dropping' all over. When I pushed her down she straightway went to my aunt's room and started making a variety of sounds, almost trying to 'tell' her something. After a while auntie understood that she was trying to communicate something and she came to me to find out, sure enough Chatpati followed her and relaxed only after I have had my quota of scolding from auntie for my 'misbehaviour' as I narrated my side of the story! As commanded by auntie I called her, she was on my lap before I could wink with a satisfied 'smile' on her face.

Then the day came when she suddenly flew out of the window to her own free world, leaving me with a mixed feeling of missing a dear one and at the same time feeling satisfied with a successful 'rescue operation of an orphaned fledgling'. God bless Chatpati for enriching my life!

~Reba Pramanik

Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better. ~ Albert Einstein



Shooting Compassion - Taipei SM TV



Request for filming A Program on March 25 from the international non-profit channel Supreme Master TV with 2.5 billion viewers around the world

TAIPEI SMTV Program planner/Reporter: Ms.Tina Huang. Camera: Mr.Richards

Dear Mr. Debasis,

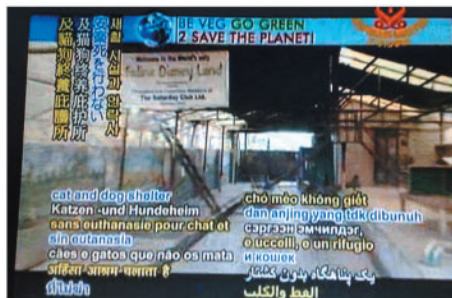
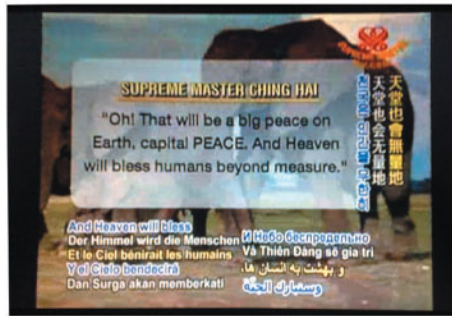
Thank you very much for the photos and also thank you for your hospitality during our visit to India. Please keep on your noble work in helping more animals in need, and please keep us in touch.

Best wishes, Tina Huang, Supreme Master Television, Thu, Mar 31, 2011

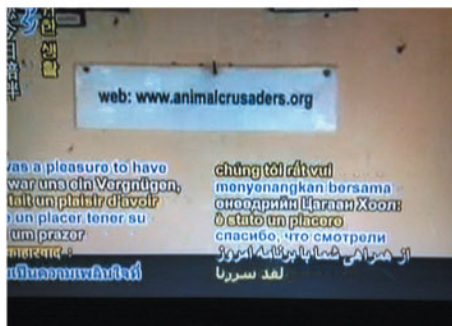
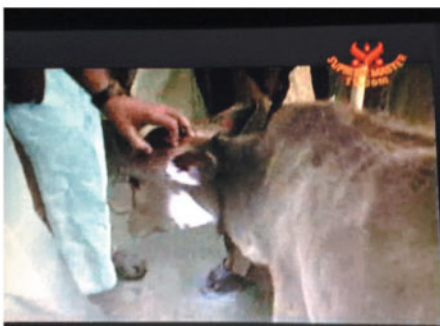
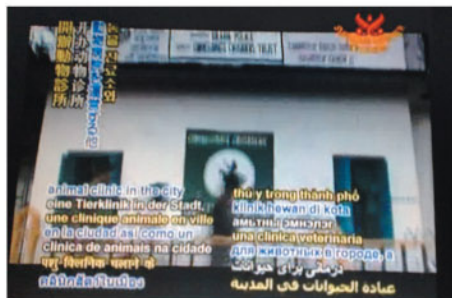


The work an unknown good man has done is like a vein of water flowing hidden underground, secretly making the ground green.~ Thomas Carlyle

"If the lion is to lie down next to the lamb peacefully,



Tina Huang, Supreme Master Television Tue, Jul 12, 2011





"human first, animal can wait!"?

Animal Welfare Only Facilitates Human Welfare

Why should animal welfare be a priority in poor communities, contrary to the popular concept of "human first, animal can wait!"?

Because that's where the problem lies, for humans as well as animals.

If working animals such as oxen, horses, mules and donkeys suffer from inadequate food, water, and hoof care, or from overwork, or saddling or harnessing that causes them injury, poor families suffer the consequences of the animals being unable to help them as effectively in earning a living.

If the animal becomes unable to work at all, or dies, the poor family starves.

If milking animals such as cows, buffaloes and goats suffer from eating plastic bags, or from infections due to untreated illness and injury, the humans who depend on these animals for a livelihood will suffer right along with the animals.

If the dogs, pigs, and feral cats that control refuse and rodents in poor communities are abused, they may respond by biting humans who come too close to them---who will mostly be poor children.

If dogs, pigs, and feral cats are driven away or killed, rats, mice, and monkeys will take over the habitat and will be many times more dangerous. A monkey, for example, may carry more than 20 times more potentially deadly diseases which

may be transmitted to people than a dog, pig, or cat may carry. Though monkeys too have an important role in the urban ecology, and should not be abused, dogs, pigs, and feral cats tend to be much safer and friendlier neighbours.

If dogs are not vaccinated against rabies, they may become rabid. Rabies, an always fatal disease, afflicts mostly poor people who share the streets with dogs.

But if dogs are persecuted, the urine from an uncontrolled rat population may transmit leptospirosis, a bacterial disease carried by 60% of the rats in India, which also afflicts mostly poor people, and may already afflict more people in India than rabies does.

It is difficult to find an example, anywhere in the world, of a community or society which rose to affluence without attention to animal welfare. The U.S. and European humane movements rose parallel to soaring affluence in the mid-19th and early 20th centuries. Now the animal welfare movements in India

and China are among the fastest-growing in the world, rising parallel to growth in GDP and personal income.

This is no mere coincidence.

Reality is that poor communities, especially, cannot afford to neglect animal welfare, because poor communities depend most on animals for help in their struggles to survive and stay healthy. For the poorest people of all, who live on the streets, maintaining good animal welfare is essential to maintaining health and personal security.

Reality is that poor people, more than any one else, benefit from effective and well-managed anti-rabies vaccination and animal birth control programs.

Reality is that avoiding the dire economic consequences of bad animal welfare is necessary for poor families to be able to escape from poverty.

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Merritt Clifton (2nd from left) Hong Kong 2003

It is not enough for journalists to see themselves as mere messengers without understanding the hidden agendas of the message and myths that surround it. ~ John Pilger



care n concern

Finding homes for the destitute

By Reshmi Chakravorty
(Reported in *The Good News Chronicle*)

If you enter the compound of Karuna Kunj, an animal care shelter on the southern fringes of Kolkata, you'll find destitute cats and dogs roaming freely. The playful animals speak volumes of their living condition — none of the creatures seem to be cooped up in cloistered cages. The walls of the enclosures are tastefully decorated with murals and the surroundings are spick and span, without any sign of litter.

We spot a dog lying in severe distress in the corner of the enclosure. Until recently a 'stray' dog on the streets, it was run over by a speeding car. But the hapless creature found a home in Karuna Kunj after it was rescued from the street. "She lost her right hind leg and a part of her tail. We rescued her right from the accident spot. We couldn't restore the limb even after a major surgery, but now she's part of our family," said Debasis Chakrabarti, the founder of the Compassionate Crusaders Trust' (CCT).

In 1976, Chakrabarti left his medical education mid-way to join a special course on animal psychology. He started by rehabilitating rabid dogs who were abandoned by their owners.



This gave a new lease of life to the otherwise doomed canines, making them socially acceptable and valued in their own right. "From my childhood, I saw my mother sheltering stray animals or giving them food. So I had a natural empathy for them," he said.

Besides being an animal care shelter, Karuna Kunj also has a burial ground where city residents can bury their pets paying a nominal fee. They can also write an epitaph for the deceased animal. The centre also provides free care and services to the surrounding villages. Caregivers from Karuna Kunj visit the villages to treat goats, cows



and other animals. They also hold awareness campaigns on how to take care of animals. A three-wheeler ambulance, which can navigate narrow rural tracts, picks up animals requiring emergency treatment and rushes them back to the hospital for treatment. CCT also provides free

veterinary treatment to animal owners in the low income groups.

No wonder the trust received several accolades from India and abroad for their unique endeavours in animal welfare. CCT has been recognised as a registered charity organisation and an Associated Member of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty



to Animals (RSPCA), UK. They received awards for their work from the Supreme Master Television, an international TV channel based in Arizona USA devoted exclusively to promoting good works and peaceful actions. CCT got "Shining World Compassion Award" by the channel in August 2011.

Said Chakrabarti, "We must realize that if we do not care for our surroundings we'll ruin the only inhabitable planet. We should be careful while deciding what we are leaving for the next generation."

A day-clinic made especially for animals near the Tollygunj railway





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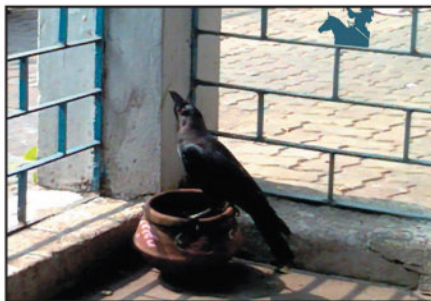
overbridge looks after a variety of treatments. One can access services such as anti-rabies vaccination, X-ray facilities and so on. According to CCT's estimates around 30,000 people die from rabies every year. "Many people have a negative attitude towards animals out of fear of rabies infection. The more animals are known to have been vaccinated, the more comfortable people can feel about animals. They can cohabit peacefully with animals and take care for them."

According to Mr. Amarnath Ghosh, the animal control officer and clinic in-charge of CCT, the common people usually neglect animals and do not pay much attention to their poor state of living. "They don't realise that we should take care of animals for 'our' better living. It has to be a peaceful co-existence."

Over the past few years, the domain of CCT's work has expanded. Recently they have started campaigns against the clandestine cross-border cattle trade to Bangladesh. People often



smuggle cattle across the border meant for slaughterhouses. They are also fighting to stop animal sacrifice in temples. They've set up an aviary for training survival skills to the caged birds and then setting them free. The trust also runs a mobile clinic to treat sick animals in rural areas.



"There is a vet at our clinic everyday from 12-4pm. Present along with him is our local vet staff to look after the animals in case of any emergency," said Ghosh. Added Krishna Mukherjee, an ardent animal lover, "The current scenario of street animals in Kolkata has improved but then also the awareness of the people of the society at large is quite low. The CCT is doing a good job in taking care of street animals. Their doctors visit home if there is an emergency".

The Trust cares for animals not only during their lifetime but also after their death. One can use burial services for their beloved pets at their cemetery. Many white stone epitaphs, placed side by side along the wall, express the love and appreciation felt by the families who had lost their companions at the animal cemetery. More and more animal lovers in the city are opting for a dignified final resting place for their loving pets.

"Our generation is quite aware of the poor condition of stray animals. I've personally taken the responsibility of



three street dogs including their full care and treatment," said Tapasha Dasgupta, a bank employee and also a volunteer for animal care in Kolkata. She added, "The emergency services regarding animal treatment in the city needs to be more effective. There is no 24-hour service available. I would like to request my fellow citizens to come forward to help these poor creatures." CCT is indeed a harbinger of animal care in the city. Here's hoping many other organisations follow their footsteps.

Provisions regarding animal care in the Constitution of India, *Article 48-A- The directive principles: The state should protect and improve the environment and safeguard the forests and wild life of the country. This directive was added by the 42nd Amendment Act, 1976. *Article 51-A (g) of the Indian Constitution- The Fundamental Duties: "It shall be the fundamental duty of every citizen of India to protect and improve the Natural Environment including forests, lakes, rivers and wild life and to have compassion for all living creatures"





If you do not go within, you go without!!

Watch out! If you do not go within, you go without!!

Corruption around the world remains a deeply entrenched, global concern according to Germany based Transparency International's 2011 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) - the world's most credible measure of of domestic, public sector corruption.

This year, two thirds of countries covered by the index were given scores less than 5 - which means they are considered significantly corrupt.

The CPI scores countries on a scale of zero to 10, with zero indicating high levels of corruption and 10, low levels. Among the 183 nations, topped (least corrupt) by New Zealand (9.5), India (3.1) is in 95th with Somalia & N.Korea (1.0) at the bottom.

Wealth seems no easy antidote to corruption, with some relatively rich countries fall at the bottom of the global league table, while, some of the world's poorer states do comparatively well, appearing among the 50 "cleanest" countries.

"Corruption is eating the soul of India." ~Mr.K.P.S. Menon

The illustrious son of an illustrious father, KPS Menon Jr. Our former Foreign Secretary entered the IFS in 1951. He chose to follow the foot steps of his scholarly father KPS Menon Sr. He was the first ambassador of independent India to China. For nine long years, he was our foreign secretary. In an interview KPS Menon Jr. talks about his career. He expresses his concern about the deep rooted corruption, eating the soul of India.

"I was ambassador/High Commissioner (as an ambassador is termed in a Commonwealth country) to Hungary, Bangladesh, Egypt, Japan and China.

Before attaining the rank of ambassador/High Commissioner I had served as a Deputy or in another rank in several places, including London, Paris, Damascus, Colombo and Islamabad, interspersed with postings in Delhi; before being appointed Foreign Secretary, who is the head of the Diplomatic Service during Rajiv Gandhi's time. He was an interesting person full of ideas and charm.", Menon added.

Regarding changing job tastes KPS Jr. said "My feeling is, things depend on the income group. The average man prefers government jobs which are pensionable.

Life is secure.

One saddest thing is we are not at all giving due importance to the teaching profession.

It is our fundamental need to have good teachers." he lamented.

His advice is: "Fight against corruption. It is eating the soul of our country. Recently, I heard an official talking eloquently on India's progress. I agree. But at the same time, corruption and inefficiency have become the hallmarks of our functioning.

It takes weeks to get even the simplest job done. I hope the younger generation will not follow these ways".

[Excerpts: from an interview titled "For the Soul of the Country" by Ms. Uma Maheshwari S., interspersed with some inputs by Mr. Menon himself, who is the Patron of the Compassionate Crusaders Trust]

Many unethical activities of the Chennai based Animal Welfare Board India (AWBI), misusing the name of Lord Buddha, Mahatma Gandhi, President & Prime Minister, mishandling central government funds; has made Compassionate Crusaders Trust (CCT) disillusioned about the AWBI and subsequently CCT has stopped accepting grants, even returning the AWBI grant in 2008!



If you do not go within, you go without!!

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...some of
Compassionate
Crusaders' campaigns

[News Extracts]

Free the Tree & Other Campaigns for Compassion

The Times of India, Kolkata
Sunday, September 11, 2011
Chop trees, get goonda tag: SC
Dhananjay Mahapatra TNN

New Delhi: The Supreme Court has ruled that if a person habitually violates forest laws and fells precious trees, the state government concerned can brand him a goonda and take him into preventive custody to protect forest wealth. A bench of Justices P Sathasivam and B S Chauhan upheld an Andhra Pradesh government order taking one R Sreenivasulu into preventive custody after finding him involved in eight cases of felling, transporting and smuggling of red-sanders trees within a year.

SC bans child labour in circuses

Court Tells Govt To Conduct Raids,
Rescue & Rehabilitate Minors
Times News Network | Tue, Apr 19, 2011

New Delhi: Children cannot be employed in a circus, the Supreme Court ordered on Monday and directed the government to raid circuses across the country to rescue the minors put up in squalid conditions and forced to perform dangerous stunts.

Delivering its judgment on a petition by NGO 'Bachpan Bachao Andolan', a Bench of Justices Dalveer Bhandari and A K Patnaik directed the government to issue a notification within eight weeks banning employment of children in circuses.

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Hc Seeks Report On Zoo Agitation

Times News Network | Aug 13, 2011

Kolkata: A sitting judge of the Calcutta high court has taken note of the mess caused by a prolonged trade union agitation at Alipore zoo and written to Chief Justice J N Patel, requesting him to take judicial notice of the issue. The Chief Justice has treated the letter as a PIL. The high court has asked the state zoological authority and forest department to file a report.

Space crunch in city zoo - Animals to be shifted, says Jairam

The Telegraph, Calcutta | March 22, 2011

New Delhi, March 21: Union environment and forest minister Jairam Ramesh today said some of the inmates at the Alipore zoo in the city could be shifted out as the facility lacked enough room to accommodate so many of them.

"Alipore zoo doesn't have enough space and it is necessary to shift the larger animals out," Ramesh said when asked whether the authorities planned to relocate some of the animals.



biology is a
LIFE science
Not a
DEATH
science

UGC calls for stop to dissection of animals

The Telegraph, Calcutta | Aug 25, 2011
Basant Kumar Mohanty

New Delhi, Aug. 24: The UGC has adopted fresh guidelines to phase out

dissection of and experimentation on live animals in zoology and life science courses. In a July 8 meeting, the higher education regulator accepted an expert panel's recommendations for immediate reduction in use of animal species for dissection and use of computer-simulated models in its place.

Zoonotic concern: one of our early campaigns!

Tummy worms? Cure in school
The Telegraph, Calcutta | Feb 5, 2011

New Delhi, Feb. 4: A mass programme to eliminate intestinal worms in schoolchildren that is about to be launched in Bihar next week may soon expand to Delhi and other states, including Bengal, technical experts with the programme have said. The programme will deliver single dose deworming tablets to children in areas with high prevalence of intestinal parasites such as roundworms or hookworms that can cause anaemia and malnourishment, and even impair their learning ability.

Court tells man to serve sick animals Times News Network, Sep 27, 2010

New Delhi: In an unprecedented order, a man — convicted for kidnapping and tying nuptial knot with a minor girl after concealing his married status — has been released on probation by a trial court, which asked him to serve injured and sick animals for a year as a punishment.

Animals in Koran

During the holy month of Ramadan, all Arab countries screened 30 episodes of a TV series called "Stories of Animals in the Holy Koran," starring Arab celebrities including Yehia El Fakharany, Sherif Mounir, Sawsan Badr, Lequaa Swidan, Lequaa Khamissy, and Dalia El

Beheiy. The theme: each animal is a miracle, animals are known for sincerity, animals have feelings like us.

—Dina Zulfikar

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