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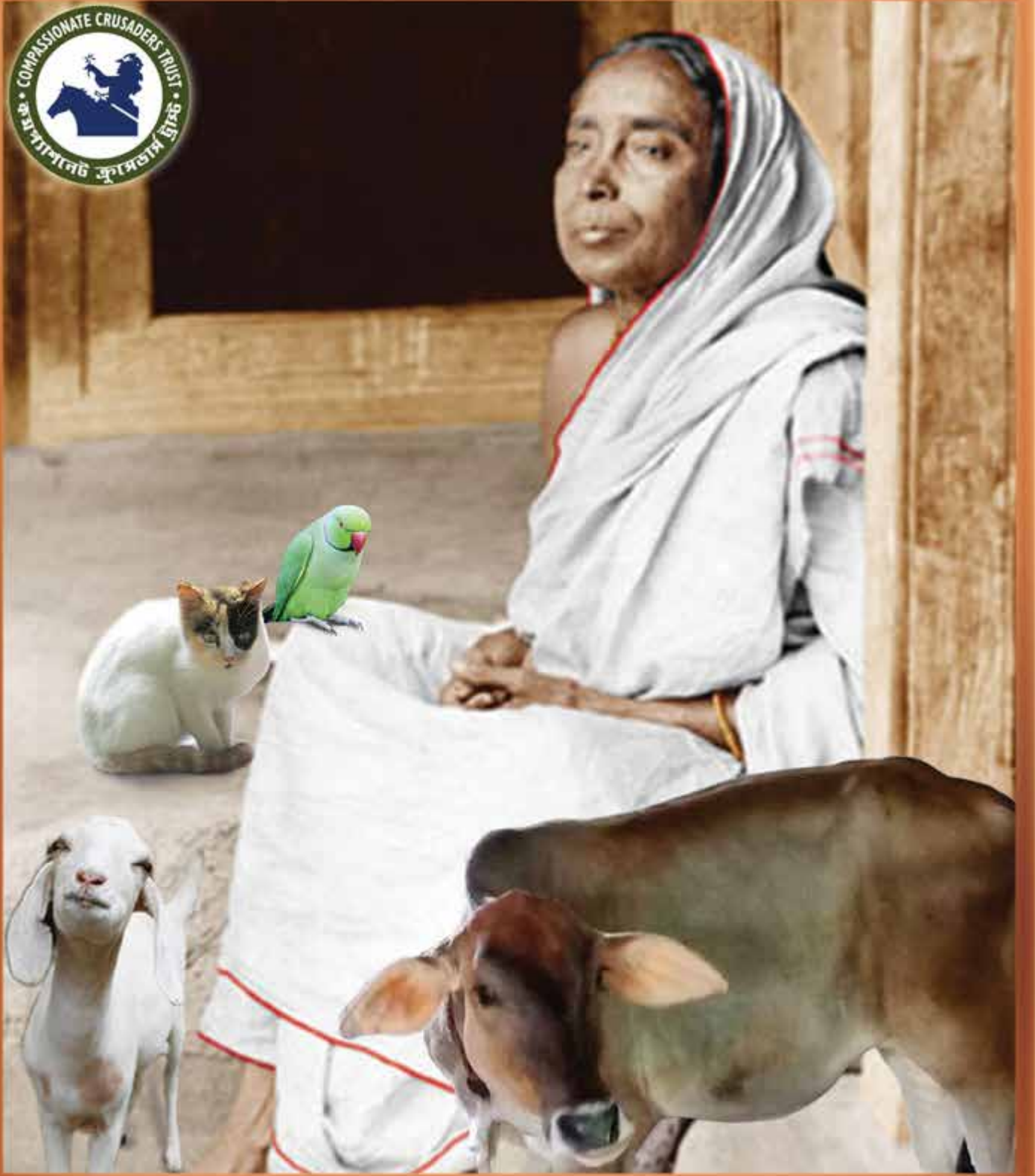
# ANIMAL CRUSADERS

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Stop telling the world how big the STORM is



Instead tell the storm how big your WORLD is



শ্রীমায়ের এই মাতৃত্ব জগৎ বহির্ভূত ছিল না, তাঁর করুণা গৃহপালিত পশুপাখী জীবজন্তুর জন্যও উৎসারিত ছিল। পোষাচন্দনা 'গঙ্গারাম' সকলের মতো তাঁকে ডাকতঃ 'মা, ও মা'। মা'ও উত্তর দিতেনঃ 'যাই বাবা, যাই।' এই বলে পাখীকে ছোলা-জল দিয়ে আসতেন। কারণ পাখীর মাতৃ-সম্বোধনের অর্থই হল, তার খিদে পেয়েছে। বেড়াল মায়ের স্নেহমস্ত্রে বংশবৃদ্ধি করত নির্ভয়ে। অন্যেরা বেড়ালের দৌড়াচ্ছে বিরক্ত। তাদের খশী করতে মা মাঝে মাঝে দুম করে লাঠি তুলে নিতেন হাতে। কিন্তু ভীত বেড়াল আশ্রয় নিত মায়ের পায়ে। মা-ও সঙ্গে সঙ্গে লাঠি ফেলে দিতেন। জনৈক সাধু একবার জিজ্ঞাসা করেছিলেন, "তুমি কী সকলেরই মা?... এই সব ইতর জীবজন্তুরও?" মা উত্তর দিয়েছিলেন, "হ্যাঁ, ওদেরও।"

## FOREWORD

At Compassionate Crusaders we get active guidance from Gautama Buddha, the ultimate compassionate crusader, who said "I never see what has been done; I only see what remains to be done. Every morning we are born again.

What we do today is what matters most."

For the convenience of our knowledgeable readers we have reprinted some of the pages from the Commemorative Issue 2010 along with subsequent issues of Animal Crusaders from 2011 to 2017 for the contiguous reading the story of our journey through the last twenty five years;

Alice Ann Munro the Canadian short story writer, a 2013 Nobel Laureate had elucidated it so aptly,...

A story is not like a road to follow... it's more like a house. You go inside and stay there for a while, wandering back and forth and settling where you like and discovering how the room and corridors relate to each other, how the world outside is altered by being viewed from these windows





I still love books. Nothing a computer can do can compare to a book...  
All the computer can give you is a manuscript. ~ Ray Bradbury

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'No' said the cat. 'Now you people have names. That's because you don't know who you are. We know who we are, so we don't need names.'



# Animal Memorial



Our recyclable pet-burial idea is spreading in human communities globally. New consumer movement has been underway to promote natural burial grounds — where people are buried in biodegradable containers, without formaldehyde-based embalming fluid or synthetic ingredients, and returned to the earth to compost into soil nutrients with a forest of trees marking the spot—are springing up. Hundreds of sites offering some form of natural burial have emerged in the UK, Australia, New Zealand, the US and Canada, with other countries coming on fast. Citizen-driven movements in support of natural burial can now be found in Europe, China, Japan, Germany, and Africa.



DEAR MILI  
10-1-97 TO 25-4-05  
YOU BULLIED ME TOOK  
PAPA'S HELP AND MADE  
ME DO THINGS FOR YOU  
AGAINST MY WISHES. STILL  
I JUST CAN'T STAY WITHOUT  
THINKING ABOUT YOU THE  
WHOLE DAY LONG.  
LOVE YOU  
YOUR'S KIMI

IN FOND MEMORY OF  
**GUDDU**  
STAYED IN OUR  
HOME & MIND FROM: MAY '98  
STAYING IN OUR  
MIND FROM: MARCH 10, 2005

**SARAH**  
BORN DEATH  
29 JULY 92 7 SEP 03

করুণাকৃষ্ণের অন্তরালে  
মিমির স্মৃতি থাক লুকিয়ে  
জন্ম- ১০ই সেপ্টেম্বর ১৯৯৬  
মৃত্যু- ২৩শে মে ২০০৩  
সৌভাগ্যে  
**স্বপ্নন ভৌমিক**  
১০০/৩৫, সারথেনটাইম লেন  
কলকাতা-১৪







## Us

Nature made bunny come out to play.  
Twitching its nose as if to wish,  
Bring back my home with thoughts that create.  
Energy that's positive and visits with real.  
Crystal clear waters, vast open skies,  
Air that allows freedom to breathe.  
Waters that calm, soothe, and clean.  
Capture this thought so our world can exist.  
Our world of people and animals exists together.  
We share the same sacred space on earth.  
We have the same needs of love and life.  
If sun doesn't shine any brighter on people,  
And water doesn't move faster in our direction,  
While air doesn't filter our breath any more than theirs,  
Why does Man think we are better than them?  
Time will measure and record our thoughts.  
Vision only comes to those ready to see.  
Shining a light on challenging scenes.  
Creating a reality where dreams come alive.  
To wake up this form thought of as US.

~ Ruchi Kohli



As long as you live in love, you Live, rest is just existence.



# Student Crusaders



**The Statesman, Calcutta**  
**THURSDAY MAY 8, 1997**

**CAMP**  
 Compassionate Crusaders  
 Trust: Organizes a Human  
 Contact Pet Camp '97 from  
 May 16 to 23, between 9:30  
 and 4:30 p.m. at St  
 Lawrence High School. The  
 program is for 3-12.  
 The camp is free and the  
 purpose is to help the  
 children to be acquainted  
 by animals that are the  
 "friendly" "learning Centre."



Until I was thirteen,  
 I thought my name was  
**SHUT UP.**

Joe Namath



Parents can only give good advice to children or put them on the right paths, but  
 the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands. ~ Anne Frank

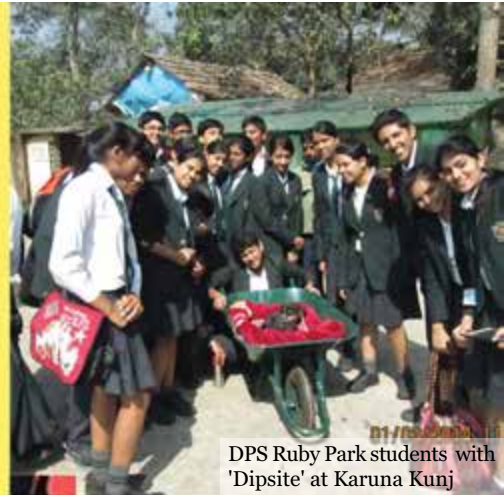


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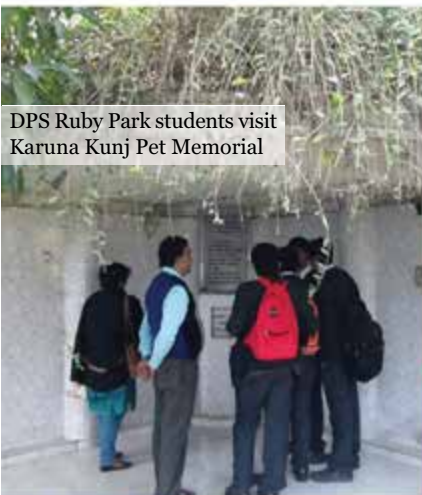


DPS Ruby Park students meet doggie pals at Karuna Kunj

**Shower of compassion from young hearts:** 30 students from the Delhi Public School, Ruby Park (DPS) visited Karuna Kunj, adopted a tiny puppy (who had his hind legs crushed at a very early age), christened him Dipsite, after the 'http' of the DPS Alumni



DPS Ruby Park students with 'Dipsite' at Karuna Kunj



DPS Ruby Park students visit Karuna Kunj Pet Memorial



GEMS Akademia students get Independence Day gift-plants in tri-color pots at Karuna Kunj

**My Dear Debashish,**  
Many thanks for your email of 16th February. I write to thank you very much for the information and express my happiness that you are still looking after the animals. My very warmest regards and prayers  
Yours in J.C - S.M Cyril  
(UNESCO laureate educationist  
Sister Cyril.)

A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove...but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child.  
~Forest E Witcraft



Trainee teachers of TTC, Loreto launches a visit to CCT facilities



Montessori children from Alipore on a sensitizing tour of Karuna Kunj



GEMS Akademia students plants a sapling for celebrating a compassionate Independence Day at Karuna Kunj



## Animal Memorial

Sputnik's Garden is an interesting addition to the rich greenery of Karuna Kunj, where about 80 varieties of trees and plants are recorded and documented. An area earmarked as a nursery of saplings and existing trees of about 50 varieties are nurtured in Sputnik's Garden. The saplings are multiplied regularly for free distribution to the children for

greening the community. The garden along with the basic maintenance of the greenery, Lotus pond, Lilly pool, Rose bush etc. at Karuna Kunj are sponsored fully by Sputnik's family.

Sheru Singh Memorial is piece of green & flowers in memory of Sheru, the departed pet of Kohli family. They wrote "Thank you so

very much in assisting us to realize the power of love. We were so blessed to learn and share Sheru's love and compassion with many more souls than ever imagined. It is truly an honor to work with you and your staff in Kolkatta. We are all related through love, a bond that is eternal. Sincerely", Veena, Honey, and Ruchi Kohli., Maryland, USA.





## Love with Animals

It is a great privilege and a matter of pride for me to pen down a few words for the 'Compassionate Crusaders' annual newsletter, especially at the time of its Silver Jubilee.

My heartiest congratulations and felicitations to the contributors as well as the whole team for their selfless efforts and hard work to get success in helping the innocent animals, who live in our neighbouring areas and therefore our activities effect their lives.

There are many institutions, centres, organisations, etc. to provide help and support to human life. There are very few people on earth who feel the need of the same for the 'animals'. These kind hearted people play an important role in the aspect of providing treatment and taking care of the sick, injured and old animals.

It's very sad that there are some factories where daily animals get killed and then their body parts are being used just for making some cosmetics, decorative items and other things.

If we love God then we should also love and respect the lives of all of His children. It is mentioned in "Bhagwat Gita" that each and

every living entity whether a plant, a tree, an insect, an animal or a human being is a part and parcel of God. But our lives have become so fast today with the 4G and 5G that we hardly spare any time to know about the simple facts of our lives.

Earlier in India cow was addressed as 'Mother Cow', in Vedic culture. As she gives nutritious milk to drink and there are different types of Ayurvedic medicines which can't be made without using Cow's milk Ghee. Now the Scientists have also approved that cow's milk, urine as well as dung have got medicinal properties.

Once a disciple asked A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupad, the founder Acharya of ISKCON, "Prabhupad, which animal gives best quality milk?" Prabhupad replied, "Buffalo."

The disciple was looking for the answer; 'Cow' and he asked "Isn't it Cow Prabhupad?"

Prabhupad said, "You asked about animal, Cow is our mother, she is not an animal..."

Every step we take to know our real self and mission of life ensures that we scale greater heights of success and well beings. With this conviction, I extend my heartiest wishes to all the readers.

~ Sanghamitra Chakraborty



The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. ~ Albert Einstein



## Karuna Kunj for Cats



The Saturday Club's kind donation of the play-things like Jungle Gym, Slide, Swing for the enjoyment of the cats at Karuna Kunj cattery, transforming it into a Feline Disney Land





## Friends for ever

In a world and at a time when people care less and less for one another and care even less for other forms of life - animal and plant, what gives one hope are organizations and NGOs like Compassionate Crusaders Trust. CCT have been active for a quarter of a century, caring for, helping and preserving the less fortunate among animals and birds, in fact building a better world for the mutes. They have gone a step further, by setting up Karuna Kunj,

where pets that are no more have a decent farewell and find a befitting place to rest. The dignity of dogs that have been in active service, aiding the army, patrolling and sniffing-cum-assaulting, is preserved in old-age homes for army dogs, a cause that CCT espoused. There are several such causes that have been successfully implemented, proving that the needy will never go unattended.

The recognition of the work CCT is engaged in doing has received wide recognition in India and



abroad. Sputnik and Chhotti are known and loved by the friends of CCT.

What we appreciate greatly are the open mind and optimism of the founder and his colleagues, their unflinching faith that "... animals are not mere resources for human consumption. They are splendid beings in their own right, who have evolved alongside us as co-inheritors of all the beauty and abundance of life on this planet" - in the words of Marc Beckoff, quoted in the beautiful Annual Issue 2017 of 'Animal Crusaders', the Newsletter of CCT.

~ K P S & Lalitha Menon

Are you growing spiritually? Can you love others? Do you feel oneness with others? Have you peace within yourself and do you radiate it around you? That is called spiritual growth, which is stimulated by meditation, inwardly, and by work done in a spirit of service outwardly.

~ Swami Ranganathananda of RK Mission



## Sputnik...songs

**S**putnik..... I watched a little bird,  
Flying up into a tree,  
And I thought about the freedom that he knew,  
Then I thought about your life,  
The pain that you went through,  
Remembering the last time,  
That I talked with you.  
I know that you are free now,  
Like that bird up in the tree,  
And your spirits free, from suffering and pain.  
I guess I'm only human,  
In my selfishness I'm sad,  
Because I wish I'd had the chance,  
To talk with you once more. (chorus)  
Because Sputnik you were special,  
And loved by everyone,  
Everyone who knew you,  
Said you brightened up their day,  
You touched my life so briefly,  
Yet the memories linger on,  
And remains with-in my spirit,  
As I journey on life's way.  
Sometimes we're left to wonder,  
'Bout the mysteries of life,  
And regret the things,  
We simply didn't do.  
I'll remember what we shared,  
Your courage strength and love,  
Whenever I see the bird,  
Fly up into the tree.

**I**n our Time  
In his time, I'll open up the door,  
Like an eagle, I spread my wings and soar,  
The time has come for me to fly  
Reach out my wings, and take the sky.  
In his time, two hearts will slowly beat,  
Just you and me, my life will be complete  
I've found my strength, in all I do,  
'Cause Jesus I can fly, because of you.  
You give me strength, when I'm weary,  
Sustain my stumblin' fall,  
I'll touch the wings of an eagle,  
so when I'm weak, so very weak,  
I'll still soar.  
In the distance, beyond this world in flight,  
I'll never weary, sustained at this great  
I'll worship you, our lives we'll always share,  
I'm trusting you to guide us safely their,  
In our time.....

**O**ne day up near Rainbow Bridge, Lord, I let him slip away,  
He's looking for that home and I hope he finds it,  
But I'd trade all of my tomorrows for one single yesterday  
To be holding Sputnik's body next to mine.  
Freedom is just another word for nothing left to lose,  
Nothing, that's all that Sputnik left me,  
But feeling good was easy, Lord, when he sang the Heather song,  
Hey, feeling good was good enough for me,  
Good enough for me and my baby Spudy.





## Tiny Crusader

### A WISH GRANTED!,,,,,



I was born many years ago in 1943, a very sickly baby and not expected to live, there was a lot of things wrong with me despite the odds I survived, however I believe I was wrongly diagnosed as being mentally retarded, however my parents never doubted their local doctor and I was raised as such. My parents were very good to me and I had the best that they could afford, however there was always this shame that I wasn't as good as other people! My parents never had anymore children and I was not encouraged to make any friends.

All my life I wanted a brother (when I was young I used to plead with my parents, to have another baby) however it never eventuated. I married myself eventually and had my own children, however I still didn't have a brother. Years passed and as an older person I was able to get myself an internship as a mature age person and attend university, I have always loved animals, especially dogs and cats,



Cartoon : Dana Waltz - USA

I joined the Chihuahua club, and made friends with a friendly little fellow Called Sputnik, Sputnik was such a beautiful friend to me, whenever I was studying, Sputnik was there, whenever I was discouraged, or wanted to give

up, Sputnik would be there Encouraging, telling me that I could do it and, not to give up, Sputnik gave me my brother Debasis. (Of course I knew that the words behind the little dog were a man) but they seemed like the little dog was talking to me.

I love having a brother, Debasis is everything I ever dreamed of, he is always kind to me, and a person who I feel I can always approach, he is just perfect. It's interesting when I meet people for the first time and they ask, "have you any family?" "yes, I have a brother", I reply.

"Does your brother lives in Melbourne?" "No" I reply "my brother lives in India, I love my dear Brother "Was your father Indian" it gets quite complicated sometimes.

Anyhow my dear Brother, I thank God every day for having you in my life, I hope that what I've written has been of some help to you.

Love you dear Debasis,  
your Sister **Hea**

(Heather-mae Cellins)

*Sputnik Sylvells Mickeys Mustard* "charmed" 5000 friends from all the continents (the maximum permitted by Facebook) in a span of 215 days, starting on Sep 20, 2009. Fondly called the *Tiny Crusader across the globe*, he added significant punch to many of our international campaigns. His campaign stories are published internationally, in print & news portals even in Portugese, Russian & many other languages. One of his friends from Brazil, Marcelo Henrique Cury commented *This dog is the symbol of activism in the world. Veg hug!*



## Sputnik...just a thought away

**Story of Sputnik, brought as a therapy cum service dog for Sarbani a retired principal and how she is cherishing the memory of her time with Sputnik. In his time, Sputnik became a kind of 'on line service dog' for many of his 5000 facebook friends.**

আমাদের পরিবারে পোষ্য পালনের যে ইতিহাস সেসব কাহিনী নিয়ে একটা বই লেখা যায়। স্মৃতির সারণি বেয়ে পরপর এলো যারা, তাদেরই শেষ ধাপে এলো স্পুটনিক, তার কথাই এবার বলবো।

ছোটোখাটো চেহারা অস্ট্রেলিয়ান চিহ্নাছয়া, রং কালো... কালো তা সে যতই কালো হোক, দেখেছি তার কালো হরিণ চোখ! ভাব নিয়ে অস্ট্রেলিয়ার পার্থ থেকে ১২ ঘন্টার যাত্রা করে সে দমদম এয়ারপোর্টে এসে পৌঁছলো। ওখানে আমার যে ভাই থাকে সেই বুক করে সব ব্যবস্থা করে কলকাতায় পাঠালো।

বাড়িতে এসেই সে একটা পালকের বলের মতো তীরবেগে এঘর ওঘর দৌড়ে বেড়াতে লাগলো। তখনই ওর নাম রাখা হয়ে গেলো স্পুটনিক। ওকে পাঠানো হয়েছিল একটা বাস্কটের মতো ছোট খাঁচায় করে। তাতেই তার খাবার, মানে ট্যাবলেট গোটা দশেক, আর জল রাখা থাকতো। অনেকদিন পর্যন্ত ও তার ভেতরেই ঘুমোতো।



বাড়ির লোকেদের আর যারা নিয়মিত যাতায়াত করতো, সবাইকে খুব তাড়াতাড়ি চিনে নিল। কিন্তু বাইরের কেউ ধরতে চাইলে কামড়াবার মতো করতো। খুব ছোট্ট ছিল বলে নিজের নিরাপত্তার বলয় নিজেই তৈরি করে নিত। তবে ছোট বাচ্চারা ধরতে গেলে ও তাদেরকে কিছুই বলতো না, নিজেই টেবিল বা খাটের নিচে লুকিয়ে পড়ত।

বাজি পটকার আওয়াজে বাড়ির বড় বড় বস্কুর কুকুরদের ভয়ে কঁকড়ে যেতে দেখেছি, কিন্তু ন্যানো (আমি ওকে ওই নামেই ডাকতাম)-“কে এমন বিরক্ত করছে” গোছের ভাব নিয়ে তেড়ে যেত।

কলকাতায় আসার মাস ছয়েক বাদে ও ধীরে ধীরে বিদেশী ট্যাবলেট ছেড়ে একটু একটু করে রান্না করা মেটে আর চর্বি মিশিয়ে খেতে শিখলো, এই ব্যাপারটাকে একধরনের “অন্নপ্রাশন”ই বলা যেতে পারে। বিস্কুট দিলে একটা কোনা থেকে একটু ভেঙে খেয়ে বাকিটা বারান্দায় ওর কাক চড়াই বন্ধুদের দিয়ে আসতো।

কাকেরাও মাঝে মাঝে ‘রিটার্ন কমপ্লিমেন্ট’

হিসেবে ওর জন্যে হাড়ের টুকরো এনে বারান্দায় ফেলে যেতো, কিন্তু ওর সেসবে কোনও আগ্রহ ছিলনা। ওর নিজের সফট টয়গুলো আর নানা সাইজের বল নিয়েই খেলা করত।



গ্রীষ্মকালেও স্নান করতে চাইতো না, খাবার সময় স্নান করানো হতে পারে বুঝে, আগেই লুকিয়ে পড়তো আর আড়াল থেকে দেখতো খাবারের বাটিটার ধারে কাছে কারুর পা দেখা যাচ্ছে কি না, তারপর বেরিয়ে এসে খাওয়া শুরু করত।

স্পুটনিক ওর নিজস্ব ফেসবুক এর মাধ্যমে সারা পৃথিবী জুড়ে ৫০০০ বন্ধু পেয়েছিলো। তারা সবাই ওর সঙ্গে নিজেদের সুখদুঃখের কথা আলোচনা করতো আর ওর ফটো ও ভিডিও দেখে আনন্দ পেতো। মেলবোর্নের ওর এক





## Sputnik...just a thought away



বান্ধবী তো নিজের নতুন গাড়িতে ওর ছবি লাগিয়ে, গাড়ির নাম দিলেন ‘স্পুটনিক কার’। আরো অনেক বন্ধু ওর জন্মদিন ৮ই জুন, কেক কেটে বেলুন সাজিয়ে ওকে ছবি পাঠাতো। অনেকে আবার ক্রিসমাস ট্রিতে ওর ছবি লাগাতো।

৩৪ বছর হাই স্কুলে প্রধান শিক্ষিকার দায়িত্ব পালন করতে গিয়ে দিনগুলো কর্মব্যস্ততার মধ্যেই কেটে যেত। আমার কাছের মানুষেরা সবাই ভাবতো, অবসরের পরে আমার দিনগুলো কেমন করে কাটবে।

অবসরের মাস দুয়েক আগেই আমার কাছে স্পুটনিক-কে এনে আমার ভাই দেবাশিস বললো, এই নাও, এই পুঁচকেটাই তোমার অবসরের সঙ্গী হবে। স্পুটিটাও কি বুঝলো জানি না, ও প্রথম দিন থেকেই আমার খুব নেওটা হয়ে উঠলো। ক্রমশঃ স্পুটনিক, ন্যানো, স্পুটি... ওর আরও অনেক নাম হলো। স্পুটো, চিচি, মাইক্রো, ছোটোন, স্পু আর ওর ‘অফিসিয়াল’ নাম মাস্টার্ড অর্থাৎ সর্ষে। ওর নাম মাহাত্ম ও একটা আলাদা বিষয়; আমাদের বাড়ির সব পোষ্য সারমেয়দের ‘রেজিস্টার্ড’ নাম শুরু হয় বাড়ির প্রথম পোষ্যের নাম ‘মিকি’ দিয়ে, যেমন স্পুটনিক এর ‘ভালো নাম’

সিলভেস মিকি’স মাস্টার্ড। রবিঠাকুরের ভাষায়,

একটি ছোটো মানুষ তাহার  
একশো রকম রঙ্গ তো।  
এমন লোককে একটি নামেই  
ডাকা কি হয় সংগত?...

ন্যানো’র দিন শুরু হতো আমার সঙ্গে গুটিগুটি পায়ে সিঁড়ি দিয়ে ঠাকুরঘরে নামা দিয়ে, তারপর নিজের মতো হেসেখেলে সময় কাটিয়ে আবার দুপুরবেলা আমার সঙ্গে সঙ্গে উঠে আসা। কখনও তিনতলায় ছাদে গেলেও পায়ে পায়ে ঠিক সঙ্গে যাবে। ছাদে গেলে আবার ওকে কড়া নজরে রাখতে হতো বাড়ির সামনের শিমুল গাছটার মাথায় চিলের বাসাটা থেকে এসে ওকে ছোঁ মেরে না নিয়ে যায়। বেড়ালের থেকেও ছোট ছিল স্পু।

সন্ধ্য বেলায় সেই সকালের মতোই রঙটিন, নামা আর ওঠা। ওকে কখনও বাড়ির বাইরে হেঁটে যেত না, কোলে চড়ে বা মাঝে মাঝে বাড়ির গাড়ীতে। তবে ও মাঝে মাঝে টিভির স্টুডিওতে যেত ওদেরই গাড়ীতে। সবাই বলে, স্পুটনিক নাকি একমাত্র কুকুর যাকে টিভিতে একটা পুরো ‘ইন্টারভিউ’ করা হয়েছে।



বাড়ির কেউ বেরোলেই ও তার সঙ্গে বেড়াতে যেতে চাইতো। লাফিয়ে হাতপা

নেড়ে চোখের ইশারায় ওর মনের কথা বোঝানোর আশ্চর্য ক্ষমতা ছিল, শুধুমাত্র কথাটাই যা বলতে পারতো না।

বারান্দায় দাঁড়িয়ে আমি কিছু দেখলেই তাকিয়ে থাকবে, ডাকলেই একছুটে এসে ইশারায় বলবে... ‘কি দেখছো গো আমাকেও দেখাও’। ক্ষুদ্র তবু ক্ষুদ্র নয়... স্পুটির জন্যে একতলার বসার ঘরের জানালায় গ্রীল ঘেঁষ ঘেঁষ করে ছোট করতে হলো। এই ছিল তার দিনপঞ্জী, আমারও।

ওরে আমার স্নেহের পুতুল,  
ওরে ভোলাভালা,  
তোকে নিয়ে কাটতো আমার  
সকাল সন্ধ্যাবেলা।  
কেমন করে কাটবে আমার  
অবসরের দিন,  
তেমন করে বাজবে কি আর  
আনন্দেরই বীন?  
প্রাণচঞ্চল তুইরে ন্যানো  
যেদিন দিলি দেখা,  
তখন কি আর ভেবে ছিলাম  
আবার হবো একা?  
বেলাশেষের গান রে তুই,  
শেষ আরতির শিখা।  
দেশবিদেশে ছড়িয়ে আছে  
কত যে তোর রেখা।

এখন স্পুটি করুণাকুঞ্জ চিরনিদ্রায় শায়িত। ওখানেই ওর নামে বাগান তৈরী হয়েছে “স্পুটনিকের বাগান” বা স্পুটনিক’স গার্ডেন। সেখানে এখন সে নানা রঙের ফুল ফোড়ায়, মানুষকে আনন্দ দেয়, আর তার আকাশের বন্ধু পাখিদের জন্যে গাছে দেয় ফল...। এও এক অন্য রকম করে বিশ্বপ্রকৃতিতে বেঁচে থাকা।

~ সর্বাণী চক্রবর্তী

I would rather be a superb meteor, every atom of me in magnificent glow,  
than a sleepy and permanent planet. ~ Jack London



## দুস্তু রাজা

**Story of an egg's journey to the Roosterhood. Housewife Bharoti, writes her amazing experience of 'accidental' birth of rooster in a crate of eggs delivered for consumption. As a full grown, Dustu Raja, the rooster can communicate with her human family as effectively as any other pet e.g. dog, cat etc.**

“জন্ম হোক যথা তথা কর্ম হোক ভাল”  
এই কথাটা কী মানুষের জন্য লেখা হয়েছিল? না, শুধুই মানুষের জন্যে না, সকল প্রাণীর জন্যে লেখা হয়েছিল, এটা আমার বিশ্বাস। এই বিশ্বাসের প্রত্যক্ষ প্রমাণ আমার “দুস্তু রাজা, মিষ্টি সোনা” (মোরগ)।

আমার বড় মেয়ে পিক্কি (ভাস্বতী) এক ফ্রেট ডিম এনেছিল, সকালবেলা দেখি সেই ডিমের ভিড়ে দুটো ডিম ভেঙ্গে সাদা সাদা দুটো মুরগীর ছানা। দুটোই নিস্তেজ মতো। পিক্কি ওদের তুলে নিয়ে তুলোর পলতে করে একটু একটু দুধ খাওয়াতেই ওরা বেশ নড়ে চড়ে উঠলো। তুলোর বিছানা করে ওদের রাখা হল। আর আমার ছোট মেয়ে চিনির; ওদের নিয়ে সারাক্ষণ ব্যস্ততা। রাতে দুই মেয়েরা বিছানার মাঝখানে ওদের নিয়ে ঘুমতো। দু-এক দিনের মধ্যে ওরা নিজেরা খেতে শিখলো। একটা থালায় বিস্কুটের গুঁড়ো খেতে দেওয়া হত আর ওরা তার উপরেই উঠে খেত। দুস্তু আর মিষ্টি ওদের নাম দেওয়া হল, তবে আমাদের দুর্ভাগ্য মিষ্টিকে আমরা বাঁচাতে পারলাম না। ও প্রথম থেকেই দুর্বল ছিল। দেড় মাস পরেও দুস্তু ডাকতে পারতো না, আমার তো খুব চিন্তা ছিল। তার কারন ছিল, ওতো মুরগীর সমাজ কী তা জানত না। আমার মেয়েরা একদিন ‘ইন্টারনেট’ খুলে মুরগীর ডাক ওকে শোনাল। প্রথম দু’বার দুস্তু মুখ ঘুরিয়ে



নিল তারপর আবার চুপ, এইভাবে দু’দিন ওকে শোনানো হল। তিন দিনের দিন রাত ১টার সময় ও আবার ডেকে উঠলো। এরপর মাঝে মাঝে দুস্তু ডাকতো। শুনেছি মুরগীরা আট প্রহরে আট বার ডাকে, দুস্তু কিন্তু এই নিয়মের বিপরীত, আমরা লক্ষ্য করতে আরম্ভ করলাম। দুস্তু একটা কুকুরের কাজ করে। প্রথম প্রথম ‘কলিং বেল’ বাজলে বা অচেনা লোক দেখলে ডাকতো, মাথা ফোলাতো, আর এখনতো অনেক কিছু করে। আমাদের ফ্ল্যাটের গেটে দুধওয়ালা বা কাগজওয়ালা ঢুকলে ও চিৎকার করে। ফ্ল্যাটের দরজা বন্ধ কেউ যদি আমার দরজার পাশে দাঁড়ায় তখন ও চিৎকার করে, আবার কোন অচেনা মানুষ আমার কাছে আসলে ও তাকে তেড়ে যায়। আমার বড় মেয়ে ওর জন্য একটা খাঁচা তৈরী করে আনলো, কিন্তু খুব তাড়াতাড়ি এত বড় হয়ে গেল যে সেই পাখীর খাঁচায় ও ঢুকতেই পারতো না। এখন ওর জন্য একটা ঘর বানানো হয়েছে কাঠের ফ্রেমে নেটলন দেওয়া। নিজের ইচ্ছা মতো ও সেখানে ঢোকে আর বেরোয়। ওর ঘরের একটা জায়গা

আছে, সেখানেই ও পটি করে, একধারে রুমাল রাখা থাকে, খাবার খেয়ে, জল খেয়ে তাতে মুখ মোছে, সারাদিন ও আমার সাথেই ঘোরাফেরা করে কিন্তু কোন নোংরা করে না। ছাড়া অবস্থায় ওর পটি পেলে মুখে করে কাগজ নিয়ে আসে আর তার উপর করে।

দুস্তু মুরগীর মতো খুঁটে খায় না, ওর নির্দিষ্ট বাটিতেই খায়। কাক, ঘুঘু, শালিক এরা ওর বন্ধু, এই রোজ আমার হাত থেকে খায়, আমি হয়তো কোন কাজে এদিক ওদিক আছি, তখন যদি ওরা আসে দুস্তু আমায় চিৎকার করে ডাকে। আমরা যতনা ওকে খেয়াল করি, ও আমাদের অনেক বেশী খেয়াল করে। হঠাৎ চিৎকার করছে, মেয়েরা বাড়ি নেই, Phone করে জানতে পারি মেয়েরা বাড়ির পথেই আসছে। দুস্তু ডাকের বার আছে, মানে ১বার, ২বার, ৩বার, আবার অনেক বার। ৩বার ডাকলে ওর পটি পেয়েছে, ২বার ডাকে আমার মেয়েরা ঘুম থেকে উঠলে আর বাড়ি থেকে বেরনোর সময়, ৩বার ডাকে কোন লোক মানে দুধওয়ালা বা কাগজওয়ালা এলে। আর অচেনা মানুষ



## দুষ্টু রাজা



এলে অনেক বার ডাকে। আবার এই সব ডাকের ধরন আলাদা আলাদা। দুষ্টুকে খেতে দিলে কিছুটা খায় আর বাকিটা রেখে দেয়, আমরা যখন খেতে বসি আমাদের সঙ্গে খায়। ও আবার কথার উত্তর দেয়। ও চিৎকার করলে যদি চুপ করতে বলি সঙ্গে সঙ্গে কুক-কুক, কঁক-কঁক আরো কত রকম আওয়াজ করে উত্তর দেয়। আমরা একসাথে বসে গল্প করলে ও আমাদের সাথে ওর ভাষায় কথা বলে। আমার মেয়েরা হয়তো আনন্দ করছে বা তাড়াতাড়ি ওঘর ওঘর করছে, দুষ্টু তখন ওদের সাথে দৌড়ায় আর চিৎকার করে যেন বলে—‘কিরে কী হল আমায় বল’। ওর সাথে থাকতে থাকতে ওকে লক্ষ্য রাখতে রাখতে আমরা অনেক কিছু অবাক জিনিস দেখি। এইসব শুনলে মনে হয়

গল্প কথা, কিন্তু গল্প নয়, সত্যি। ও আমার বড় মেয়ের উপর আবার মাঝে মাঝে খুব অভিমান করে যদি কাজ থেকে ফিরে ওকে সময় না দেয়। আর ছোট মেয়ে বাড়ি ফিরলেই ছুটে গিয়ে বাচ্চার মতো কাঁধে মাথা গুঁজে চুপ করে থাকে। দুষ্টুর প্রিয় রং হলুদ, সাদা আর ফিকে সবুজ, আর লাল রং একদম পছন্দ নয় ওর। এই সব দেখে আমার বিশ্বাস হয় যে পশু পাখী নিয়ে যে সব গল্প আমরা নীতি কথায় পড়েছি সবই সত্যি।

মানুষ তো অনেক অসাধ্য সাধন করে তাই ভগবানের কাছে প্রার্থনা করি মানুষ যেন টিয়াপাখী, ময়না পাখী, কাকাতুয়া, শালিকের মত মুরগীকেও কথা বলতে শেখায়।

~ ভারতী পাণ্ডে





## Humane values

I spent many sleepless nights awake after my twins, my first children, were born in July 2018. My partner and I split our schedule so that one of us was always awake with the babies. I took the night shift, starting at midnight and continuing into the next day. I'd sit upstairs in the baby room in a rocking chair all night, and in between feedings and diaper changes, observe the world outside the open window. The small corner of the world I could see out the window wasn't much: just the main drag of our small Midwestern U.S. town, the fire station, the post office, the gas station across the street. I observed this little world go to sleep and wake up. I heard young drunk people stumbling home from the bars, cats on the prowl in late-night fights and the predawn twitter of birds. I watched early-morning joggers get in a run before work and the daily delivery trucks passing on their way to the convenience store down the block.

I also read a lot of news. While it's true of course that I had very little time to myself as a new mother, I also spent hours every day breastfeeding, with one hand free to scroll through my phone.

One night in particular I remember reading a news article about a Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at a hospital in Yemen. The hospital was barely able to provide care to its patients because of war conditions, despite the best efforts of the doctors and nurses. As a result, these tiny premature infants in critical need of medical care were

struggling to live as their mothers and fathers watched helplessly. Twins have a higher chance of being born prematurely and needing intensive care, so many of the babies in this NICU were twins — twins just like my babies sleeping next to me, twins born right around the same day, week and month as mine.



Katjusa takes Zora & Morris for a stroll

What right has any human being to talk of bringing up a child?

You do not bring up a tree or a plant. It brings itself up.

You have to give it a fair chance by tilling the soil. ~ G.B. Shaw



## Humane values

Zora & Morris



Before I had the twins, the story of these families would've been sad to me. Now, however, I felt something stronger than a passing sadness. I cried and felt an intense kinship with these parents on the other side of the world, a visceral horror at what they were enduring as a direct result of the war, even though I could only begin to imagine what they were going through. How unfair it was that their babies were born into this wretched situation.

Pregnancy books advise women to "talk" to their babies in utero. I distinctly remember the first time I told these humans growing inside me, under my breath, "Please forgive me." Please forgive me for bringing you into a world so lacking in compassion, where

children suffer the senseless consequences of war and neglect, where fear politics rule and authoritarian governments gain followers, where over a third of food produced globally goes to waste while people still die of starvation, where the climate change we caused is pushing us closer to global disaster.

How can I teach my children to fight against all of this, to lay corruption bare and stand up for kindness and truth? I want them to see the world in all its glory and misery so they understand what's at stake. I have to be a model for them, to demonstrate the importance of learning and education, to show them how vast and yet how connected our world is now.

At first, their world won't be much bigger than what I could see outside their baby room window on those warm summer nights in the weeks after they were born. But as they get older, I want them to see more, read more and encounter people and stories from all around the world. I want them to stay curious and to build friendships that cross boundaries.

Compassion grows when we know and understand each other. Compassion grows wherever education and understanding are valued over fear and isolation.

As I'm writing this, my twins are five months old and just discovering their feet, laughter and how to crawl. Currently the biggest joy of my life is making them giggle and laughing together with them. Nothing is sweeter than a baby breaking out in a big grin! I know it's inevitable that I'll disappoint them in many ways as they become adults, but I hope they learn to value these principles I aspire to and to live in our world with compassion.

~ Katjusa Cisar



Katjusa meets Sputnik in Kolkata



## Better living for all Life

For my wife Beth & I, pursuit of “better living for all life on this beautiful planet, the only living one, our earth,” begins with daily observation.

Almost every day and night we take time, a few minutes here, a few minutes there, to observe animals and share what we see and hear with each other.

Often we are just watching our cats and dogs at play in our bedroom or our living room, which doubles as the office from which we publish the ANIMALS 24-7 news web site.

Also close at hand and often seen the deer and hummingbirds outside our windows, raccoons trying to steal cat food from our back porch, and bats swooping past our front porch night light.

A big part of what brought us together was discovering our shared enjoyment of such moments. Beth can be thrilled at the opportunity to photograph a spider species she has never seen before, or a leopard slug quietly devouring a larval bumblebee—and on our first trip abroad together, last summer, became so engrossed in photographing a rhinoceros in the wild that she did not notice the rhino was not just saying hello

but charging until the rhino was fetching up just short of ramming our bus.

Beth and I share a rather small, humble manufactured home in a semi-rural area that is gradually yielding to residential development, only a few blocks from the Saratoga Passage, a waterway frequented by grey whales each spring and occasionally visited by orcas, also called killer whales.

The orcas are wildlife celebrities where we live to approximately the same degree that tigers are in Kolkata. When the orcas arrive, suddenly our quiet neighborhood becomes overrun by visitors in speeding cars, rushing to what they hope will be the best vantage points, setting up thousands of dollars worth of camera equipment on tripods, spending hours waiting and watching—until someone posts to social media that the orcas are somewhere else.

Then they all race away, oblivious to every other species to be seen here: both bald and golden eagles, redtail hawks, osprey, harbor seals and California sea lions, and of course ubiquitous crows, ravens, gulls, kingfishers, great blue herons, ducks of many kinds, guillemots, even

sometimes an endangered marbled murrelet.

What the “orca tourists” do, mostly, is not really wildlife observation at all. It is a form of voyeurism, like chasing celebrities, cell phone in hand, hoping to grab and share a “selfie” with the famous whomever.

Of course Beth and I also enjoy seeing and photographing orcas, but our most memorable wildlife-watching experiences are those that include the opportunity to actually help the animals in some meaningful manner.

Two years ago, for instance, Beth waded into the surf to rescue an emaciated young great horned owl, too weak to fly far. Ollie the Owl unfortunately died after several weeks of care at a nearby wildlife rescue center, but the contacts we made and the experience we gained in trying to help him were later instrumental in enabling us to help an immature bald eagle whom someone had illegally shot through one wing.

While Beth threw her coat over the eagle and used her knit cap as a “blinder,” I ran home to fetch our biggest plastic carrying kennel for dogs, and then jogged a mile down the beach with it to

*It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken adults.*





## Better living for all Life

meet Beth, who greeted me saying "Can't everyone catch an eagle?"

The grey whales were in close that afternoon. Three of them watched us carrying the eagle back to our car. The whale-watchers were out in force, too, but not so much for the grey whales, majestic as they are, as in response to a rumor that orcas might appear in the far channel.

Elvis the Eagle, as Beth named him, did recover from his ordeal, with the help of two local wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centers. Three months later we watched as he was returned to his habitat. We were able to identify him for a few days, as he resumed friendly acquaintance with a female bald eagle we thought we had seen near him when he was wounded.

We still watch for Elvis, knowing we will be able to identify him by his leg band, if he comes close enough—but, though we see many eagles, they mostly stay high in the sky, far out on the tidal mud flats, or on the uppermost branches of trees.

Neither Beth nor I began watching animals in a place like this, where wildlife are easily seen, if one cares to look. Both of us began in big cities. Our love of

the animals we were fortunate enough to see, where no one else looked, is what eventually brought us into lives of working with animals, and then into living here.

For Beth, it may have begun with trying to kiss alley cats, as a toddler, or identifying the fish, and once a manatee, who swam past a sea wall where she used to sit behind her childhood home in Florida.

For me, it may have begun with discovering a skunk who lived under a mailbox, or raccoons who

lived in a hollow space beneath the front steps of my parents' house, or trying to talk with the squirrels who sometimes perched on telephone wires while scolding anyone who stopped to watch.

Or maybe it all started much earlier, for both of us, before we can even remember.

For both of us, though, life is always much richer when we take the opportunity to share even just a few moments with whatever animals happen to be near us.

~ Merritt Clifton, editor - ANIMALS 24-7



The problem with the world is that the intelligent people are full of doubts, while the stupid ones are full of confidence. ~ Charles Bukowski



## Chhoti's story: Life is precious, but freedom is paramount



*I won't promise to be your friend for ever,  
because I won't live that long.  
But let me be your friend as long as I live...*



Chhoti, a sheltered dog at Karuna Kunj, had been a living statement of the unrelenting dedication of our workers towards our stand on complete unacceptability of subjugation of animals under any pretext. Rescued as a three month old puppy,

with her hind legs crushed under a car and was rescued from the road. Now Chhoti had been living a life of freedom in spite of non functioning hind legs. A 'custom-made' doggy cycle, organized by our workers, for Chhoti made it possible.



# Chhoti's story: Life is precious, but freedom is paramount



### Heather-mae Celins

They are magnificent, dear Debasis, all beautiful colors, it's so hard to lose some-one, be it a pet or a human, (often pets are little humans wrapped up in pets' bodies!), I'm sorry that you've lost your beautiful little girl Chhoti dear Debasis, please take comfort in the knowledge that she has passed over surrounded by love and the people who have cared for her, Sputnik will take care of her my dear Brother. I'm sending you all my love and many hugs, your Sister Hea



### Compassionate Crusaders Trust

She did fade away, her spirit kept her on! Her lower internal organs were impaired when she was run over by a car at 3 months of age. She had to have multiple surgeries in the first 6 months after she came to Karuna Kunj as an year old pup grown up inside a cage. All our people could do is to give her a life of free movement to be as natural as possible.



### Lalitha Menon

Really saddened to hear about Chhoti.

### Victoria Miller

Oh the poor baby! Is she depressed because of her injuries to her back end?

She was enriched because all they need is love and attention, to be part of the pack. Just like us, we need to be part of the pack. Love to all of you for doing such a beautiful thing.



### Rezaul Laskar

I miss the wonderful videos of Chhoti.

### Terry St Angelo

I'm so sorry Choti died but his life was so much fun and happy when he came to live at your loving garden?? We love you sweet soul.

### Zara Pugh

I have loved following posts about chhoti. RIP gorgeous dog.

### Adrielle Moonswan Kash

awww,this brings a tear to my eyes, and I'm sure to urs.u took so wonderful care of her and gave her a beautiful life.

### Angela Lent

I am so sorry. Bless you for loving him so much.

### Adrielle Moonswan Kash

awww,a beautiful tribute to a sweet dog. I am so sorry for ur loss. u gave her a second chance and a wonderful life!



*Chhoti's friends from home and abroad wrote back*





## Tollygunge Clinic



Compassionate Crusaders' Centre for Animal Welfare, popular as Tollygunge Clinic has had a complete makeover with additional facilities for treatment of the 'mutes' in cool comfort; thanks to the generous support from the compassionate calcuttan couple, Mr. Subrato & Mrs. Subhra Ghosh. We continue to enhance the time and quality of treatment further, at our Clinic, a favorite of the caring animal lovers of our city. Last year a direct call facility to the clinic is introduced, for the benefit of the caring animal lovers. This is in addition to our 'round the clock' Animal Helpline.





## Crusader by choice

**During her tenure as an intern Srijata in CCT Animal Clinic she observed that love prevails over cast, creed and religion.**

২০১৬-এর ১৮ই এপ্রিল আমার প্রথম CCT তে আসা। কলকাতা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে বাংলা স্নাতকোত্তর বিভাগে সুযোগ অন্যদিকে Compassionate Crusaders Trust -এর ইন্টার্ন হিসাবে যোগদান। সব মিলিয়ে দারুণ অনুভূতি। এখানে এই সমাজ সেবামূলক কাজের একজন অংশীদার হতে পেরে খুবই ভালো লাগছে। CCT কে অনেক ধন্যবাদ আমাকে এই সুযোগ করে দেওয়ার জন্য। ছোটবেলা থেকেই আমি পশু-পাখিদের সাথে সময় কাটাতে ভালোবাসি। ওদের প্রত্যেকের আবেগ, অনুভূতি, কষ্ট প্রকাশ করার ধরন আলাদা। সেগুলি আমাদের উচিত একটু হৃদয় দিয়ে উপলব্ধি করা। খবরের কাগজে, নিউজ চ্যানেলে যখন প্রাণীহত্যার খবরগুলি পাই তখন সত্যিই মর্মান্বিত হই।

এখানে কত রকম মানুষ কত রকম প্রাণী নিয়ে আসে। চিকিৎসকদের একান্ত প্রচেষ্টায় ও সহকর্মীদের আন্তরিক সহযোগিতায় তাদের সুস্থ করে তোলা সম্ভব হয়। অনেক বিত্তশালী মানুষও যেমন আসেন তার পোষ্য প্রাণীটির চিকিৎসা পাওয়ার জন্য তেমনি আর্থিক দিক থেকে দুর্বল মানুষও আসেন।

অনেক ক্ষেত্রে বিনামূল্যে চিকিৎসা করে প্রাণীটিকে সুস্থ করে তোলা হয়। রোজ বিভিন্ন রকম মানুষের সঙ্গে পরিচিতি ঘটে। পশুপ্রেমী বলেই তারা শত কষ্ট সহ্য করেও চেষ্টা করেন তার পোষ্য প্রাণীটিকে রক্ষা করতে।

আমিও অনেক কিছু শিখেছি এখানে থেকে। আমার কাজে সবার সহযোগিতা পেয়েছি। আমি তার জন্য কৃতজ্ঞ।

আশা রাখি, আগামী দিনেও যেন আমাদের প্রত্যেকের আন্তরিক প্রয়াসে

### Editorial by Merritt & Beth Clifton

Two nights ago, in advance of Martin Luther King Day, ANIMALS 24-7 posted as our lead feature Four black leaders who built the humane movement, profiling William Key, John W. Lemon, Richard Carroll, and Frederick Barnwell Rivers.

Those four forgotten black men between 1898 and 1945 probably reached more people in person, as employees of the American Humane Education Society, than any humane educators before or since. That their names are not better remembered in the humane and animal rights movements is a travesty.

ভবিষ্যতের এক উজ্জ্বল সম্ভাবনাময় পথে CCT এগিয়ে যাক।

পুঁথির বিদ্যার বাইরের এই অভিজ্ঞতা আমাকে এক অন্য মাত্রায় অধিষ্ঠিত হতে সাহায্য করেছে।

শেষে বলি, প্রত্যেকটি প্রাণীর বেঁচে থাকার জন্য এক একটি নির্দিষ্ট পরিবেশের প্রয়োজন হয়। আমরা মানুষেরা প্রতিমুহূর্তে সেই পরিবেশকে কলুষিত করে চলেছি। ওদের নিজেদের প্রকাশ করার জন্য হয়ত কোনও নির্দিষ্ট বাচনভঙ্গী নেই। কিন্তু আমার বিশ্বাস ওদেরও নিজস্ব কিছু ভাষা আছে যার মাধ্যমে ওদের আবেগ, অনুভূতি সমস্ত কিছুর প্রকাশ ঘটায়। তাই একান্ত অনুরোধ সকলের কাছে, এই পৃথিবীটা ভীষণ সুন্দর, আর এই সুন্দর পৃথিবীতে ওদেরও বেঁচে থাকার পূর্ণ অধিকার আছে। তাই ওদেরকে বাঁচতে দিন। নিজেদের ক্ষণিক সুখলাভের জন্য নিষ্পাপ প্রাণগুলোকে নিষ্ঠুরভাবে হত্যা করা বন্ধ হোক। দেখবেন ওরা ভালো থাকলে আপনাকেও ভালো রাখবে। বিশ্বকবির কয়েকটি লাইন মনে পড়ল— একটি অর্থাৎ শিশু তার মায়ের উদ্দেশ্যে বলছে,

“যদি খোকা না হয়ে  
আমি হতম কুকুরছানা  
তবে পাছে তোমার পাতে  
আমি মুখ দিতে যাই ভাতে  
তুমি করতে আমায় মানা?”

~ শ্রীজাতা দে

Now global society accepts Compassionate Crusaders' contention that, atrocities on human is tried under the law as "crime on human society" whereas atrocities on 'mutes' is considered as breach of humanity..



## Be the Change

The greatest threat to mankind today is the threat of global warming. The depletion of the natural resources, environmental crisis, climate change, ecological imbalance, and annihilation of innumerable life forms are the result of our wrong living. They are our responsibility. Accepting these responsibilities we can change our life style and save the earth from being destroyed.

What I am going to share with you happened in the year of 1995, almost twenty three years ago and changed my life. It was a very hot summer day in Las Vegas. I was there for the first time so my host had arranged a meeting with few of her American women friends. She decided we meet in a restaurant. We arrived at this place that had pleasant and unostentatious elegance about itself. The ambience was very warm and friendly. It felt good to be there.

I was introduced to this lovely group of women all sophisticated and successful in their own rights. We greeted each other while we were being seated in our seats and made our self comfortable.

Our conversation was led more towards spiritual aspect as they were interested in knowing about

the Jain philosophy, its principles and its belief system. I really did not know where to start from as I knew it is a vast subject. But I thought of sharing the core principles of the philosophy and its implications on life.

I said that this philosophy teaches "A Way of Life, not a Dogma, nor a Belief." It emphasizes on being aware of whatever you do to yourself or others as it sees life in all living beings. Minimizing violence of thoughts, words and deeds and maximizing non-violence in life. Watching one's thoughts, words and actions is the main practice. If they are negative stop them. They will hurt you and others. Jain philosophy teaches a way to spiritual purity and enlightenment through a disciplined mode of life and is founded upon the principle of Ahimsa. To live a non-violent life is what we pursue. Ahimsa, a nebulous term, includes Satya (Truth), Asteya (Non-Stealing), Brahmacharya (Celibacy, Restraint), and Aparigraha (Non-possession-detachment).

By this time it was time to order something from the menu. I was handed over the menu card. I browsed through the menu and my eyes stopped at the milkshake

with vanilla ice-cream. I thought what can be better than a milkshake in this scorching heat. When I ordered milkshake from the menu they were surprised. They knew that I was a strict vegetarian, but they questioned me and asked that if I am a vegetarian how can I take dairy products? I was surprised with their question and I said to them that there was nothing wrong in taking dairy as it is a vegetarian food. One of them interrupted and said, "Sorry to say but it is not considered to be vegetarian." Why, I asked? She asked are you not a vegan? I said No... What is veganism?

She went on to explain that vegans live on plant based food, so exclude flesh, fish, fowl, poultry, seafood, dairy products such as animal milk, butter, cheese, yogurt (curd), ice-cream, eggs, honey, animal gelatin and all other items of animal origin like leather, silk, wool, pearl etc.

Today dairy industry has become milking machine for the cows. They have become more and more callous and abusive towards the animals where they live torturous lives in the factory farms. They are confined, forced to work, separated from their

Mother Earth has enough for everybody's need  
but there can never be enough for everybody's greed ~ Mahatma Gandhi



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families, beaten, and killed. The cruelty inflicted upon cows and calves in the dairy industry is one of agribusiness's best kept secrets.

She continued, many consumers might assume that because cows are not slaughtered directly for their milk, dairy products are somehow less inhumane. What many consumers aren't aware of is that when they purchase milk, cheese or other dairy products, they are contributing to a brutal cycle of suffering for countless calves? In order for a cow to produce milk, she has to have a calf, and those calves are taken away from their mothers immediately after birth so that the milk that is rightfully meant for the calves can be consumed by the humans. Half of those calves are male, and they're often used in veal production. In order to continue the flow of milk for the consumers these cows are artificially impregnated every year. This artificial insemination renders the cow useless and incapable after 7 to 8 years after which they are sent to the slaughter house. Cow's average life span is 18 to 20 years but they die young.

When the lady explained all this I felt some discomfort in my stomach, but I ignored the feeling and continued drinking my milkshake as though everything was okay. I am a vegetarian from birth and I remember that I consumed a lot of dairy. I knew that animals were abused and killed for meat, but I didn't see anything wrong with dairy.

I found myself very troubled as if someone jolted me from my sleep. To have milk and yogurt was part of my diet. It was part of my enjoyment. I started my day with a cup of tea with milk! They tasted good to my palate. How will I give up this product?

It would be a big leap for me and I was aware of how much resistance I had. It left me mulling over the sad fate of the cows and their babies and I started reflecting deeply over the subject. Before this I had never heard or read about the atrocities of dairy industry to its inmates.

But there was a voice deep within me whispering to me to see the truth behind dairy industry? As if my values and ethical principles were challenged? The moment I

realized the gravity of the situation I was convinced that in no way I could be part of this violence.

I had to come to the space of awareness and decide that this was the right thing for me to do and that I would never regret it later. So often we give up certain things and then go back to it. Going back means we're not completely convinced about doing it. But once we are convinced about it nothing can alter our decision. That is why it is said that, 'AHIMSA IS NOT A CONCEPT BUT A CONVICTION OF THE CONSCIOUSNESS.'

In a world that seems spinning out of control we need action of kindness and empathy. We cannot afford to be paralyzed by global suffering. We have the power to work together energetically for the well-being of the innocent animals and ourselves. The joy of living a cruelty free life free of sighs and curses touch the human spirit as opposed to material or physical things.

Let Noble thoughts come to all of us from all directions ... Rig Veda.

~ Mrs. Pramoda Chitrabhanu

I count him braver who overcomes his desires than him who conquers his enemies;  
for the hardest victory is over self. ~ Aristotle



# Beth Collage



African Rhino



Raccoons on our back porch



African wildcat



Elvis the Eagle



Baboon mother & child



Ollie the Owl



Mule deer (in our front yard!)



Snow geese rising..



Cindy the harbor seal pup





## To Live and Let Live

I am a Jain. The most important tenet of Jainism is that of AHIMSA – which is NON VIOLENCE. The basis of non-violence is to **LIVE AND LET LIVE**, which includes everyone on the planet not only human beings. That understanding of non-violence comes from of compassion which



increase of population and depletion of all the resources that we have. Unless we become moderate in our expectation we will have to face severe consequence. Perhaps it may not occur in our lifetime but it will occur in the lifetime of our children and their children. By closing our ears, eyes and mind does not mean the problem is gone. The more we do that severe the problem will become.

Lifespans are becoming longer and people forecast now the great wars will be based on water. It seems that we have taken the freedom to do what we want without understanding the deep damage that we are doing to our planet. It has given us life to live,

air to breathe, water to drink and capacity to think, till the land and grow food, so that we can survive.

But we are slowly and surely destroying it. It is our responsibility. We cannot pass the responsibility to generations to come. They will be there to face the consequences. My request is accept a philosophy of non violence and principle of live and let live not only of human but all life which exists on the planet.

My family believe in non violence and many of us have worked for the betterment of our universe through the principle of compassion and giving back to the society.

~ Dr Manu Chandaria

lives in one's heart. There are very few Jains left in the world. In this world one has to understand the meaning of non-violence, which is not only letting others live but letting others live without hurting them. The whole animal kingdom, marine life needs to be protected, by giving them the freedom to survive.

On our hand we have the issue of climate change due to deforestation. We have issues of poaching. Unless we are prepared to accept the principle of live and let live, as time passes, we will have serious repercussions to human family. Today we are seeing emission of green gases,





## Mobile Clinic



To maintain the standard of our services to the 'mutes', we have procured a new Mobile Clinic (Mahindra Bolero Ambulance, BS-IV), with the fund-support from The Executrix of the will of the late Dady C Dady. "It looks good but more important, it will help thousands of animals...", one important initiator of the Project in Memory of Dady C Dady wrote back on seeing it's photographs.





# CCT initiates Humane Retirement of Army Animals

**Another small step forward last year was CCT's initiation of Army Animals' retirement. We recall with all humility how WB Police Horses' retirement was also initiated by CCT, providing peaceful retirement home to start with. Now police authorities in both Kolkata & State provide for post retirement rehabilitation of their Dogs & Horses.**

## **Soldiers at rest: A peek into the cushy lives of retired army dogs**

*At India's only retirement home for service doggies, the canine vets get the care and respect they deserve, plus hugs and belly rubs at every opportunity*

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Jayati Bhola • Hindustan Times  
[excerpted]

Bacchar is a slow eater, but loves her food, especially her second helpings of eggs and kheema, for extra protein. This 14-year-old Labrador and retired army dog was born at the Remount and Veterinary Corps (RVC) centre in Meerut, which breeds and trains all army dogs, was last posted in Jhorhat in Assam as an explosives detector, and returned here after retirement in 2016.

Also here is Danika, a vivacious three-year-old German Shepherd

forced into early retirement after injuring a leg during a drill. And Bear, 11, a Greater Swiss Mountain Dog, who served as a rescue dog in Siachen. They are among 30 dogs at the RVC's Canine Rehabilitation Centre, India's only home for retired Army dogs.

It was set up by the RVC in September 2015. Before that the practice had been to put down retired dogs unless they had won a gallantry award.

"They are the brave, silent soldiers of our nation. Looking after them in their old age I feel proud to do my job," says dafadar Aziz Khan, 43, who is in charge of the centre. "I know them all by name and understand their nature well... just the way you know your family members."

Over the past three years, 150 dogs have passed through this facility; of these 40 lived out their days before eventually going to that great big farm in the sky; another 80 were adopted by civilians and army personnel.



A Best "Friend in need": A dog along with a soldier searching for survivors at an altitude of 19,600 feet after the avalanche on the Siachen Glacier. Hanamantappa was rescued by a team that included over 150 soldiers and two canines, Dot and Misha. (AFP/Indian defence ministry)



Prime Minister Narendra Modi pats a guard dog during his visit to Siachen during Diwali on 23 Oct, 2014. (Pic Twitted by PM himself)

## **SLEEP, EAT, REPEAT**

For the young pups training here, the day starts at 5.30 am, with drills, PE and obedience training. For the retired dogs, the day starts at 6 am, with a leisurely walk followed by an hour or so of lounging in a shed, with coolers on in summer. At 8 am, the dogs are groomed and given a 15-minute massage (which is repeated in the evening). 10 am is a healthy breakfast of vegetables, boneless chicken and broth. As it gets warmer, the dogs are taken back to their kennels, where they rest under whirring fans, to be interrupted only for playtime (balls, toys and chasing each other) and dinner at 6 pm.

"They've done their duty; let them sleep in and enjoy now," says subedar Rajesh Chand, 45, a trainer and handler at RVC. Chand has served in the army for 25 years, and is currently responsible for obedience training at the centre.

The retirees' kennels are at the other end of the centre from the training grounds, lining a lush



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**Farewell, old friend: Touching moment Air Force dog handler hugs his dead K-9 draped in an American flag moments before he was laid to rest**



garden on one side and a little doggie graveyard on the other. The retirees' care is overseen by civilian handlers Raj Kumar and Omkar Singh, who have worked here for two years.

"Dodger is a calm one. He got a commendation for detecting 7 kg

of explosives and saving close to 200 lives in Jammu & Kashmir. But Mukul, a 10-year-old Lab, is my favourite. He is very loving and also naughty," says Kumar, 25. Ask who's the sweetest and he fires back, "Sab sweet hai (They all are)."

### RETURN TO BASE

It's hard to see a dog leave, even if it is to go to a good home, the handlers say. 'When we drop them off at the gate, it's hard to hold back the tears. But we know they're going to a family that'll love them... a lot if not as much.'

Their lives may sound idyllic now, but serving in the Army exposes dogs to chemicals and explosives, stress and extreme climates. These conditions tend to lead to

organ damage, heart disease, loss of smell and battle wounds. Their bodies tend to age faster, and average lifespan may be reduced by up to 30%.

Carefully balanced diets and round-the-clock medical care are therefore crucial. As are the massages and relaxation treatments. Every three months, each retiree undergoes a full health check, including dental exam. Regular exercise is crucial too, since these are dogs used to rigorous training.

Walk into the 5,000-sq-ft cookhouse and you see this attention to detail in action. The walls are covered in diet charts — for dogs of different ages, stages and metabolic makeup.

### After a decade of glorious service, retired dog goes home with a cop

**Rani of local crime branch's dog squad has won awards and sniffed out 11 major crimes**

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By Akash Gulankar Rani [excerpted]

A bright component of the local crime branch, Pune rural police is retiring and she has found a loving home! Rani, one of the most celebrated and efficient members of the dog squad — who has won several awards and accolades for unearthing an array of crimes in her 10-year service

— retired recently and has been warmly welcomed to one of her handler's house in Wakad.

From her puppy years, Rani has successfully served the department for a full decade and from what other cops say, her service has been impeccable. Police naik Ganesh Phapale told Mirror, "She was brought here when she was around two months old and ever since then, she has been in my care. When she turned six months old, we trained her to be a police dog. After an intensive nine-month dossier she was officially appointed at the local crime



Rani with police naik Ganesh Phapale

branch's dog squad. I was her handler till date."

In her glorious career, she has sniffed out criminals and evidences in as many as 11 cases that include the murder of a sugarcane labour woman in



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Chakan in 2017, rape and murder case of a minor in Jejuri in 2015, State Bank of India robbery in 2013 as well as the famous Chinkara hunting in Vadgaon Nimbalkar area. She has won four medals at the annual Police Kartavya Melava — an annual competency award for police dogs. Phapale said, "Sandeep Patil (superintendent of police, Pune rural) has awarded Rani with Rs 10,000 after she retired."

And then, Phapale took her home and is seemingly overjoyed to have her, given the close-knit bond they share. He said, "I have looked after her as a child. I am so attached to Rani that I was not

ready to leave her behind. So, I decided to take her home, even as several officers had volunteered to rehabilitate her." He now wants to give her a new, much-relaxed life with his family, which has already imbibed Rani as one of their own. Phapale's wife, Rajashree, said, "Our son is fond of dogs and we have been looking to adopt one. Rani's retirement was an occasion to fulfil this wish. Thus, we decided to bring her home."

However, Rani has not quite settled at their home yet, since she has been trained to obey orders from Phaphale. But

Rajashree — a teacher by profession — said that their fourlegged member is trying her best to cope with the new surroundings.

She added, "We have started giving her home-cooked food and she likes it. Earlier, she was strictly on dog food. But now, she seems happy to feast on milk, rice and chapatis. The feeling of a home is settling down with her."

Furthermore, their son, Aditya, gets along very well with Rani. He finds her to be friendly and they play a lot. "She likes to play ball and keeps running around," he said.

### Gujarat cop dies of heart attack, his depressed camel gives up food

Sarfaraz Shaikh | TNN | Mar 4, 2019  
[excerpted]

#### Highlights

- **Inspector V K Khant said that when Gadhvi did not turn up at the Jhakau police station, the camel stopped taking food or water**
- **"He used to regularly patrol the border on his camel and while the state was on high alert, he had intensified patrolling," Khant said**

AHMEDABAD: A camel belonging to the Jakhau police station in Kutch has given up food and water after its handler, assistant sub-inspector Shivraj Gadhvi, died

of heart attack during patrolling in Pingleshwar in the border district of Kutch.

Inspector V K Khant of the Jhakau marine police station said that Gadhvi belongs to Singhodi village near Naliya in Kutch and had been with the Jhakau police station for a long time. "He used to regularly patrol the border on his camel and while the state was on high alert, he had intensified patrolling," Khant said.

Police sources said that Gadhvi, 56, was assigned patrolling duty in Pingleshwar on 24 January. "He went to the area at about 9.30 am with his camel and first fed him. Seconds later, Gadhvi collapsed,"

a police source said. "He was taken to Kothara but as his condition worsened, doctors advised his colleagues to take him to Bhuj. But the intensity of pain increased, and the 108 ambulance taking him to Bhuj had to stop at a private hospital midway. He breathed his last there."

The news of Gadhvi's death pushed his village into gloom. "He was cremated at his village with full police honour as he had died while on duty," Khant said. He said that when Gadhvi did not turn up at the Jhakau police station, the camel stopped taking food or water. "We are trying to help the camel recover," he said.



## Vive of Compassion

Some of my earliest memories are of animals, both real and fictitious. I can almost hear the splash my cousin's dog Monty made when he jumped into the water to chase swans. This might be a slightly misleading tale since Monty was one of the gentlest creatures alive and was an embodiment of the phrase, "wouldn't hurt a fly." I still remember being reduced to tears upon receiving the news that Monty had developed a tumor and was to be euthanized soon. Despite not having seen him in 10 years, at some level I felt as if I had lost a dear friend. Another great friend of mine, growing up, was Jemima Puddle-Duck, a creation of the children's book writer Beatrix Potter. This was my most favorite bed-time story, and

I was willing to listen to it night after night. As a 10-year-old I remember discovering my grandmother's cat Peppy lying on a ledge waiting to be fed her lunch. She would go on to become



Peppy



Monty

another member of our family until her passing in early 2017.

Growing up, I read a number of animal stories by authors like Jim Corbett, James Herriot and Gerald Durrell. In addition to this, I was discouraged from watching too many cartoons and this led me to discover channels such as Animal Planet, Discovery and National Geographic. Without realizing it, I was becoming closer to nature day by day. Whenever I got the opportunity, I liked to take a trip



With their parallel lives, animals offer man a companionship which is different from any offered by human exchange. Different because it is a companionship offered to the loneliness of man as a species. Such an unspeaking companionship was felt to be so equal that often one finds the conviction that it was man who lacked the capacity to speak with animals  
~ John Berger



## Vive of Compassion

to a wildlife park or sanctuary. Spending time with flora and fauna was as enriching an experience as having an interesting conversation with a fellow human-being.

As a boy brought up in a city, it seemed as though my daily interactions with nature were limited but at the same time, nature was all around me, starting from the little plants we grew in our verandah to the stray dogs that roamed the streets. As I went on to look at the environment from a more academic perspective, the principal lesson learnt was that human-beings and other living things exist in a relationship of mutual dependence. What was

unfortunate was that due to our irresponsible use of Earth's natural resources, we were responsible for a massive decline in population of several species of plants and animals.

Cliches as it sounds, one hardly needs a reminder that "there is no Planet B." It is in the interest of our own survival that we are compassionate towards other living things. By this, I do not mean just animals and plants but also lakes, rivers, forests and other such ecosystems that provide vital habitats. Our planet is the only one that supports life and we need to ensure that we are not responsible for its destruction.

In hindsight, my interactions with other living things made me the person that I am today. It would be most unfortunate if future generations did not get the benefit from such interactions. Radical as it might sound, some years down the line, dogs like Monty may not have water to jump into or swans to chase. Works by Corbett and Durrell might fall into the realm of fantasy. Now more than ever, we need to work towards ensuring that future generations have the luxury of nature. All of us have a role to play in this regard, and even the smallest acts of kindness towards our fellow inhabitants could go a long way in guaranteeing a brighter future.

~ Anand Menon

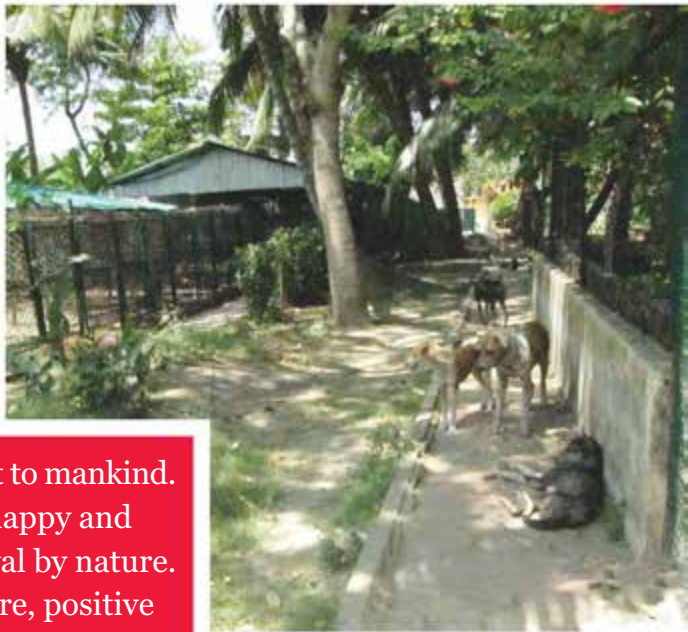




# Karuna Kunj for Dogs



Mr Scraggy is back after a 4-months' Xpress hair growth at KarunaKunj



Dogs are a gift to mankind. They are happy and joyful and loyal by nature. They are pure, positive energy and teach by example. That is all that's required of them.







## ওঠো পুরবাসী, ঘুমাওনা আর - ২৫তম CCT-র জন্মদিন, যেতে হবে আজ

**Ace sales professional Bhaswati joined CCT as a student volunteer twenty years back. She narrates her journey with CCT.**

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পথের ধূলা মাখব না আর  
অবহেলা সবই না আর।

আমি ভাস্বতী পাণ্ডে, জন্মের পরেই ছোটবেলা থেকে ভবানীপুরের পদ্মপুকুর পাড়ায় বহুবছর আমার কেটেছে। সেখানে পাড়ায় একটা কুকুর ছিলো 'কালু', নামটা আমার মা-এর দেওয়া। কালু সারাদিন আমাদের বাড়ীর বারান্দার নিচে থাকতো। আমার মা, দাদাভাই আর আমাকে খুব ভালবাসতো, প্রয়োজনে অনেকেই তাকে কাজে লাগাতো, মানে কাউকে ভয় দেখাতে হলে তাকে ব্যবহার করতো। আমি ভাবতাম এই অবহেলিত কুকুর-বেড়াল পশুসমাজের জন্য কিছু করতে পারতাম খুব ভাল হত।

CCT নামক এই সংস্থার সঙ্গে আমাদের পরিচয় হলো। শুধু পশু কেন অনেক পাখিও আশ্রয় পেয়েছিল - যেমন একবার একটা বাজপাখি, অসুস্থ হয়ে আমাদের বাড়ীর বাগানে এসে পড়েছিল। CCT-র সহায়তায় তাকে সুস্থ করতে পেরেছিলাম। আমার অনুপ্রেরণা আমার মা। একবার একটা কাক অসুস্থ অবস্থায় আমাদের



বাড়ীর বারান্দায় এসে আশ্রয় নেয়, আবার CCT-র সহায়তায় তাকে সুস্থ করতে পেরেছিলাম। সে ওড়বার ক্ষমতা হারিয়েছিল আর নিজে থেকে খেতেও পারতনা, তিন বছর সে আমাদের বাড়ীতে ছিল আর আমার মা তাকে খাওয়াতেন, ঔষধ দিতেন, সব রকম যত্ন করতেন নিজে হাতে।

CCT-র কাঁধে কাঁধ মিলিয়ে আমরাও লেগে পড়লাম। বিপজ্জনক অবস্থায় থাকা কুকুর-বেড়াল, গরু এদের উদ্ধার করার কাজে আমিও ওদের সঙ্গী হলাম। পড়াশুনা এবং নানান শিক্ষার সাথে পশুসমাজের সাথে ঘনিষ্ঠ হলাম, CCT-র নতুন পদক্ষেপ Horse Camp শুরু হোল। মানুষের আনন্দ প্রদান করা আহত ঘোড়াদের শুশ্রুসা করা, ক্ষতস্থানে ঔষধ দেওয়া, বাড়ীতে বানানো লাড্ডুর মাধ্যমে ওদের ঔষধ খাওয়ানো, পথ্য দেওয়া।

আবার অন্যদিকে সাপুড়েদের ওপরে নজর দেওয়া হত, পিচগলা রাস্তায় তারা যেন সাপখেলা না দেখায়। CCT-র সাথে কাজে নেমে মানুষের অনেক নির্মমতা দেখেছি, একবার কারা যেন একটা গরুর ছাল ছাড়িয়ে রাস্তায় ফেলে গিয়েছিল, মর্মান্তিক সে দৃশ্য।

CCT-র বীজ থেকে গড়ে উঠলো 'করণাকুঞ্জ', যা আজ পশুসমাজের স্বর্গোদ্যান। বহু অবহেলিত কুকুর বেড়ালদের আশ্রয়স্থল। এখানে চাবুক মেরে, খাওয়ার লোভ দেখিয়ে পশুদের বশে আনা হয়না। মানুষের অন্তরের মায়ামমতা, স্নেহ ভালবাসার মধ্যে দিয়ে পশুদের অন্তরের যোগসূত্র গড়ে উঠেছে। এই 'করণাকুঞ্জ' পশুসমাজের এক সম্মানিত স্থান। এদের অনুভূতি আছে, চেতনা আছে, বুদ্ধি আছে। এরা কখনও লেজ নেড়ে, কখনও তাকিয়ে থেকে আবার কখনও বিভিন্ন ডাকের মাধ্যমে ওদের মানুষের প্রতি ভালবাসা, সম্মান জানায়। এই স্থানটি শুধু আহত অবস্থায় জীবিত পশুদের কুঞ্জই নয়, চারিদিক ফুল, ফল ও বিভিন্ন গাছ দিয়ে ঘেরা এই স্থানে পশুদের সমাধিস্থল আছে। এখানের অধিষ্ঠাতা মনে করেন মানুষ আর পশু দুজনেই পৃথিবীর জীব, তাহলে মৃত্যুর পর তারা কেন এখানে সেখানে পড়ে গলে পচে ধূলিসাৎ হবে। এই সংস্থা মানুষের মতো পশুদেরও জীবন অবসানের সম্মান দিয়েছে। এটা সত্যিই গর্বের, এ যেন পশুদের নির্বাক আশীর্বাদ। প্রার্থনা করি এই স্বর্গোদ্যান 'করণাকুঞ্জ' তথা CCT যেন আরও উন্নত হয়।

~ ভাস্বতী পাণ্ডে



# Garden at Karuna Kunj





## আটু ফিরে এলো!

**One morning, retired teacher Swapna was sitting in the hall of her 9th floor flat in the southern fringe of Kolkata. She gets startled to see her decorative hanging plastic apple branch with leaves swinging without no perceivable wind gust. After one of the red apple fell on the ground and the branch with green leaves still shaking, she saw a surprise visitor, a baby parakeet, camouflaged with the green of the leaves.**

**She immediately called out, 'Atoo have you come back to me?'; incidentally Atoo was her pet parrot which flew off to it's freedom about fifteen years back.**

**The fledgling was so desperately hungry that it started pecking at the 'artificial' apple branch. Kudos to the craftsman who made the toy apples..."Art lies in concealing art" She gained the confidence of the fledgling (about 3 months old) and offered it bits of biscuit. At that height the sky is full of 'predator birds' like crows, kites, falcons and Atoo junior was too young to be released immediately; she handed it over to her building's security staff.**

একদিন সকাল বেলা মাথুরের বৌদি একটা ছোট্ট পাখির ছানা এনে দেখালো, বলল এটা টিয়া পাখির বাচ্চা, তখন দেখে বোঝা যায়নি সে কোন পাখির ছানা। কোন পালক হয়নি, ছোট্ট ঠোঁটের রং কমলা, একদম ছোট ঠোঁট, ভেতরে মৌরি দেওয়া মুড়ি লজেন্সের মতো। আমি বউদিকে বললুম, ওকে একটু বড় করে দিন, আমি ওকে আমার ভাই-এর কাছে নিয়ে যাব, ও খুব পশুপাখি ভালবাসে। ওর নাম হলো আটু। এইভাবে আটু রয়ে গেল, বৌদি ওকে ডালবাটা খাইয়ে খাইয়ে বড় করতে লাগলো। একটু একটু করে সে টিয়া পাখির আকার পেল। তারপর খাঁচা এনে তাকে যত্ন করে বড় করা হতে লাগলো।



Baby parrot in Panjim  
Pix - Sanghamitra

একদিন সকালে তখন একটু বড় হয়েছে, দেখি ও খাঁচা থেকে বেরিয়ে খাঁচার উপর বসে আছে। তাকে আবার খাঁচার ভেতরে ঢুকিয়ে দেওয়া হলো। ভালই চলছিল। একদিন সকালে হঠাৎ চোঁ করে শব্দ করে উঠে ঘর থেকে বেরিয়ে গেল। ওই বাড়ির পাশের ঘরের লোকেরা, আমরা, জয়সুন্দের বাড়ির (বাড়ির পিছন দিকে ছিল) সকলে ওকে খুঁজতে শুরু করলো। আপ্সু তো ঘুম থেকে উঠে সব শুনে বলতে লাগলো, "আমি কিছু তো করিনি!" ওরও খুব মন খারাপ হয়ে গেল। ও তখন একটা কাগজ নিয়ে আটুর ছবি আঁকতে লাগলো।

একটু বেলার দিকে জয়সুন্দের বাবা ও আরও পাড়ার বাচ্চা ছেলেমেয়েরা আটুকে দেখতে পেল, একটা ছোট কলা গাছে বসে আছে। ওরা বললো আমার কথা, কেউ ওদিকে যেও না, দিদিকে ওর কাছে যেতে দাও, ওর ক্ষিদে পেয়েছে, তাই এসেছে। আমি তখন আস্তে আস্তে কলাগাছটার কাছে গিয়ে দাঁড়ালুম। আটু তখনো একটা কলাগাছের শুকনো পাতা, যেটা নীচে নেমে এসেছে, সেখানে আমার হাতের কাছে এসে বসলো। আমি তখন আস্তে আস্তে করে হাত দিয়ে ওকে ধরে নিলুম। তখন সকলে ওকে দেখতে লাগলো, আমি বলতে লাগলুম - আমার হারানিধি ফিরে এসেছে। আবার তাকে খাঁচায় রাখা হলো, সেও বড় হতে লাগলো। তারপর কয়েক বছর কেটে গেল।

আটু তখন পুরোপুরি টিয়া, শেষ পর্যন্ত সে কিন্তু খাঁচা থেকে বেড়িয়ে উড়েই গিয়েছিল। আমার খারাপ তো লাগলই কিন্তু এই ভেবে ভালো লাগলো যে সে মরে তো যায়নি।

এখন এই পাটুলীতে আমার ঘরে showcase-এর উপর ছোট আপেল গাছের একটা showpiece আছে, আমার বন্ধু কৃষ্ণা একবার দিয়েছিল। তাতে তিনটে আপেল ও সবুজ পাতা আছে। এই কদিন আগে সকাল বেলা আমি রান্নাঘর থেকে এদিকে এসেছি, দেখি আপেল গাছ থেকে একটা আপেল মাটিতে পড়ে গেল, কিন্তু এমন কিছু তখন হাওয়া হচ্ছিল না, যে আপেল পড়ে যাবে। আমি তখন ওই showcase -এর দিকে তাকিয়েছি, দেখি কি একটা সবুজ রঙের ওখানে নড়ছে, ভাল করে তাকিয়ে দেখি একটা ছোট্ট টিয়া ওখানে রয়েছে, শুধু তাই নয় সে ওই গাছের একটা সবুজ পাতা ঠুকরোচ্ছে, খাবে বলে। আমি তখন ফোন করে Security-দের জানাই, একজনকে আসতে বলি। ইতিমধ্যে 'নতুন আটু' উড়ে এসে আমার চেয়ারের সামনে টুলে এসে বসলো। আমি তখন ওকে একটু বিস্কুট ভেঙ্গে দিলুম, ও সঙ্গে সঙ্গে একটা পাকে হাত বানিয়ে, হাতে নিয়ে বিস্কুট খেতে লাগলো। আসলে ওর খুব ক্ষিদে পেয়েছিল আর অন্যান্য শালিক, পায়রা, কাক এদের ভয়ে ও ঘরের মধ্যে আশ্রয় নিয়েছিলো। আমি তখন আটুকে বলছি, 'কি আটু তুমি আবার আমার কাছে ফিরে এসেছো' - তারপর ঘরের দরজা-জানালাগুলো বন্ধ করে দিলুম - একজন Security বলরাম এসে তাকে রুমাল দিয়ে ধরলো - সে অবশ্য তখন একটু উড়ে যাচ্ছিল। বলরাম বলল আমি ওকে যত্ন করে পুষবো Madam। এখন যেদিনই বলরাম-এর সঙ্গে দেখা হয় ও খুব খুশি হয়েই বলে - আটু ভাল আছে।

~ স্বপ্না কয়াল



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## আরোগ্য

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প্রত্যহ প্রভাতকালে ভক্ত এ কুকুর  
স্কন্ধ হয়ে বসে থাকে আসনের কাছে  
যতক্ষণে সঙ্গ তার না করি স্বীকার  
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এটুকু স্বীকৃতি লাভ করি  
সর্বাপ্তে তরঙ্গি উঠে আনন্দপ্রবাহ।  
বাক্যহীন প্রাণীলোক-মাঝে  
এই জীব শুধু  
ভালো মন্দ সব ভেদ করি  
দেখেছে সম্পূর্ণ মানুষেরে;  
দেখেছে আনন্দে যারে প্রাণ দেওয়া যায়  
যারে ঢেলে দেওয়া যায় অহেতুক প্রেম,  
অসীম চৈতন্যলোকে  
পথ দেখাইয়া দেয় যাহার চেতনা।

দেখি যবে মুক হৃদয়ের  
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আপনার দীনতা জানায়ে,  
ভাবিয়া না পাই ও যে কী মূল্য করেছে আবিষ্কার  
আপন সহজ বোধে মানবস্বরূপে;  
ভাষাহীন দৃষ্টির করুণ ব্যাকুলতা  
বোঝে যাহা বোঝাতে পারে না,  
আমারে বুঝিয়ে দেয় সৃষ্টি-মাঝে মানবের সত্য পরিচয়।



Compassionate Law-enforcers- Phulbagan Police Station, Kolkata Police

Thought that can merge wholly into feeling, feeling that can merge wholly into thought.



## A stormy rescue



Rockey was being handed over to the members of the Sen family



Abhro, the youngest crusader

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## Dog's evening out: Police trace German Shepherd lost in storm

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**Kolkata:** Four-year-old Rockey ventured out of her Shradhananda Park home last Saturday and lost her way in the storm that hit the city in the evening. Found wandering aimlessly on Baitakkhana Road, Amherst Street police rescued Rockey and put her in custody of the Compassionate Crusader Trust (CCT) till she could be handed over to her family the next day.

Rockey is a German Shepherd owned by Sonali Sen. On Saturday when Sen and her daughter had gone to a temple around 5pm, the dog found the door ajar and slipped out.

"While in the temple I was informed that Rockey was missing from home. I rushed back and started to look for her in the locality," Sen said.

The family searched the nearby places where the dog is taken for walks and questioned neighbours. The thunderstorm had started by then. Failing to trace her, the Sen family lodged a missing diary with Muchipara police station.

But Rockey had presumably crossed over to the jurisdiction of the neighbouring police station. The storm, rain and the unknown terrain had terrified the dog. A passerby spotted her on the road and informed the Amherst Street police station and a team immediately re-

### A CANINE ADVENTURE



➤ <b>Name</b>   Rockey	police station
➤ <b>Species</b>   German Shepherd	➤ <b>10.30pm</b>   Amherst Street police finds her
➤ <b>Age</b>   Four	➤ <b>11.30pm</b>   CCT ambulance takes her away
➤ <b>5pm</b>   Slips out of house	➤ <b>Sunday, 11.30am</b> Reunites with family
➤ <b>9pm</b>   Family lodges missing diary at Muchipara	



Rockey at Amherst St PS and (left) with her family

scued her.

"It is possible that Rockey was hounded by packs of strays on her way that made her afraid to retrace her steps. Moreover, the rain must have made it difficult for her to smell her way back home," said CCT founder Debasis Chakrabarti.

In the police station, cops wiped her wet fur and fed her biscuits while officers, including officer-in-charge Kausik Das, started working on tracing her owners. They shared Rockey's details on Sanjog, an internal app for Kolkata Police and called in CCT to take care of the dog till she was reunited with her family.

"We kept Rockey in the duty officer's room till CCT officials arrived because a few mongrels that live on our police station premises were not happy with the German Shepherd entering their territory," said an officer.

An ambulance from CCT with rescue expert Sidheswar Patra and employee Arup Pal arrived soon after and took her away. Patra fed her milk and roti before she fell asleep.

Amherst Street police learnt about the missing dairy through the app and contacted Sen. Since it was already around lam, the family was asked to collect the dog against proof the next day.

"We knew that the police would definitely trace her. But despite getting the news that Rockey had been found and was in safe custody, we could not sleep the whole night," Sen told TOI.

On Sunday morning, Sen and her daughter Yashi, along with cops, collected Rockey from the CCT.

The dog barked and jumped around the 10-year-old girl, who showed the officials photographs of the dog on her phone. The cops handed Rockey over without asking any question.

Back home, Rockey is now busy playing guardian to Sweetu, a labrador, and Ebu, a beagle.

True to the spirit of Mother Teresa's saying, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love"; our youngest active crusader eight year old Abhro had been spending sleepless night comforting Rockey. Because of Abhro's compassionate company, Rockey was fit as fiddle the next morning when he was being handed over to his family. When brought in to CCT facility, Rockey was visibly distressed and nervous. Compelled by Abhro's ardent pleading, CCT authorities agreed to keep Rockey in Abhro's caring custody, instead of CCT's formal kennelling. Kudos to Master Abhro.

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## Islam on Animals

Allah loves all creatures and Islam forbids cruelty to animals. Since all creatures are the children of Allah, He holds as the dearest, those people who are kind to fellow creatures. Kind treatment of the dumb animals especially those held captive by the humans and made to work for them or to provide flesh and dairy produce for human consumption must not be treated cruelly. This ruling of Islam applies irrespective of countries and circumstances. It also applies to the method of killing of animals for flesh to serve as food. "Feed for the love of Allah, the indigent, the orphan and the captive, (saying) '...feed you for the sake of Allah alone; no reward do we desire from you, nor thanks.' (76:8-9)

The righteous person does not forget his responsibility towards looking after the needs of the beast of burden and sees that the Islam spirit of not overworking them, not ill treating them is never violated. Natural body parts of the animals meant for their protection should be kept unharmed and cruel acts like cutting their manes or tails or castrating a male animal should not be resorted to.

### Hunting

Hunting for sport is forbidden in Islamic teaching. Other than for food or any other useful purpose, no animal life should be taken. Killing only for a just cause where the 'just cause' is explained by the Messenger of Allah as 'He kills to eat, not to simply chop off its head and then throw it away'. It is forbidden to hunt animals that can be tamed and may be properly slaughtered in due course.

Allah does not approve deliberate cruelty other than in animals and birds bestowed with killing instinct by Allah Himself to prey for food as natural predators.

Only trained animals are to be used for hunting. A game if eaten partially by the hunting dog before the hunter reaches it, should not be eaten. Slaughter the hunted animal if it is still alive only in the halal way. Only efficient weapons like sword, spear or bullet should be used for hunting to minimise cruelty to the animal. Killing a wounded animal by throwing stones or clubbing it is totally forbidden.

"Forbidden to you are the flesh of that which has died a natural death, and that which has been killed by strangling or beating or by falling or by being gored, and that which has been (partially) eaten by a wild beast expect that which you make lawful by slaughtering (before his death)... (5:4)". This prohibition reveals both Allah's kindness to animals as well as concern for human beings. While humans must not harm themselves by meat from an animal that might have died from eating something poisonous itself, or that was diseased, animals in their care should not die of disease and malnutrition and if an animal in their charge becomes diseased, either a cure will be sought for it, or it will be humanely slaughtered.

### Blood Sport

The Blessed Prophet forbade any so called 'sport' which involved goading animals into fighting each other, a common enough practice in his time. By the same principle,

all modern existing blood sports such as fox-hunting, big game hunting, badger, bear or dog-baiting, or fights to the death between cockerels, are also condemned.

### The Luxury Trade

Killing seals for fur for use as luxury garments is abhorrent to a Muslim. The Prophet does not approve of wasteful killing of animals just to satisfy the wealthy. However, body parts of dead animals may be utilised.

Ibn Abbas recorded: The freed maid servant of the Prophet's wife Maymunah was given a sheep and it died. The Prophet passed by its carcass and said: 'Why did you not take its skin to be tanned and use it? They replied: 'But it is dead.' The Prophet said 'What is prohibited is eating it'.

### Factory Farming

Some modern methods of livestock farming cruelly deprive the animals of all their enjoyment of life. They are kept in cramped and dark conditions that make their lives not only miserable but also shortened. With artificial enhancement of the bodies of the farm animals with not enough space, these animals suffer utmost misery. This insensitive way of distressing animals before slaughter is forbidden.

### Animals In Confinement

Some animals are kept in appalling conditions either for factory-farming purposes, or in zoos. It's against the spirit of Islam to keep any animal tied up, in dirty conditions or confined in a small space just for human convenience.



## Islam on Animals

The Prophet once made his companions free two little captive birds. Muslims believe that humans who treat animals and birds in a cruel manner will be answerable for their actions on the Day of Judgment.

### Animal Experiment and Vivisection

Animals are subjected to laboratory experiments for various purposes causing them pain and distress. While using them for medical research experiments may benefit humanity, often the purpose is cosmetic like using them for testing their reactions to various substances, even to cigarettes. It has been commonplace in our modern world for various experiments to be tried out on animals for all sorts of reasons. Some of these are genuinely beneficial to humanity, and involve progress in medicine and medical welfare. Others are for cosmetic purposes, or involve testing reactions to various substances, even to cigarettes. Following the principle of compassion and kindness towards all creations of Allah, any experimentation simply for reasons of luxury goods or vanity, are totally forbidden.

Even for medical progress, there must be reason enough to justify cruel experiments on animals.

### Branding

The Prophet prohibits branding of any part of animal's body except the hind quarters. "Do not brand any animal except on the part of its body furthest from its face." (Hadith)

### Prophet's Kindness Towards Cats

There are numerous stories recounting the Prophet's kindness to animals, especially cats. A famous one involves a cat that had given birth to kittens on his cloak. Rather than disturbing them, Prophet took a knife and cut round them a generous part of his cloak as their blanket. Nafi and Ibn Umar recorded that: A woman was punished because she kept a cat tied up until it died, and she was thrown into Hell. She had not provided her with food or drink and had not freed her so that she could eat the insects of earth. (Muslim 5570 & 6346).

Prophet regarded the cats that lived alongside humans as part of the family. He even used the water they had sipped for his ablutions without regarding as unclean.

### Halal Slaughter

The Muslims consider Halal to be the quickest and most painless way of killing animals with prayer in the name of Allah. 'O' believers! Eat of the good things that we have provided for you, and be grateful to Allah, if it is Him you worship. He has only forbidden you carrion meat and blood and the flesh of pigs, and that on which any name other than the name of Allah has been invoked.' (2:173; 5:3)

Shaddad b. Aus has recorded "Truly Allah has commanded goodness in everything; so when you kill, kill in a good way, and when you slaughter, slaughter in a good way. Every one of you should make his knife sharp and let the slaughtered animal die comfortably. (Muslim 4810). There is growing trend

towards vegetarianism among Muslims but this is purely a matter of individual conscience. It is not compulsory to eat meat to be a good Muslim.

Muslims do not agree with the western methods of slaughter in which animals are supposed to be stunned electrically before slaughter. The stunning often kills them. They maintain that to cut the throat with a very sharp knife is the least painful method and not electrocution. The slaughtering is done by either cutting the throat or by piercing the hollow of the throat. The best way is to cut the windpipe, the gullet, and the two jugular veins.

When Muslims kill an animal, they have to observe certain rules. The knife that will kill the beast is never to be sharpened in front of it. The creature is to go to its death in a kind atmosphere, well fed and watered, not in the slaughterhouse ambience of torture and terror. Islam prohibits slaughter of one animal in front of another for the same reason. Animal should be killed quickly while the prayer is being said.

Some Muslims refuse to eat any meat unless they know for certain that it is halal, but it would seem from the Prophet's recommendation that this is an extremist attitude. Aisah recorded that the Prophet was once told that people bring us meat and we do not know whether they have mentioned the name of Allah over it or not. Shall we eat it or not? The Holy Prophet replied 'Mention the name of Allah and eat.' (Bukhari).

~ Colonel MZU Siddiquie



# Sai Baba



## Bull from Maharashtra finds compassionate second home in Kolkata

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Fondly called Sai Baba, the bull from the nation's western state got a second life in Kolkata - especially at a time when the ongoing debate over beef ban stokes the intolerance in India.



Iswar Anand Podral of Ahmednagar in Maharashtra arrived in Kolkata's Kalighat temple on a pilgrimage on Thursday, along with his family members. Interestingly, his family included a gigantic bull fondly called Sai Baba.

Long road journey, unfamiliar food habits and sophisticated-urbanised ambience made Sai Baba fall sick.

The credit goes to Kalighat 'Sebayits', who guided the family to a city animal care clinic where the bull was thoroughly examined and treated with adequate medications.



According to Podral, the family members were feeling really anxious and lost about his wellbeing in a 'sophisticated and urbanised' place in this bustling eastern metropolis. They were desperate to keep Sai Baba fit enough for the long journey back home and started inquiring about a proper place for its treatment and recuperation.

Podral family's predicament touched the heart of a group of Kalighat 'Sebayits' who guided them to the Compassionate Crusaders Trust's (CCT) Tollygunge clinic, located next to the Rabindra



Sarobar metro station here. The family was desperate to keep the bull fit enough for the long journey back home.

"Sai Baba was examined by a veterinarian assisted by CCT's para-vets. It was thoroughly examined and treated with adequate medications and injections, along with three bottles of glucose saline and assorted intravenous drips," said Debasis Chakrabarti of CCT.

Chakrabarti said Sai Baba was visibly rejuvenated after the day's care. At the moment the family is in a temporary 'pilgrim shelter' near Maidan area. Sai Baba will need about three days of medical care before he can be fit enough to travel back home - to its home in Ahmednagar.

"There is a lot of buzz word about beef ban and intolerance these days but a small act of compassion for these mute friends can do wonders. Love knows no boundary or religions. It just flows from one soul to another. And perhaps, Sai Baba's treatment in Kolkata is a perfect example of that," said Iswar Anand Podral, the bull's master.

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## Voice for Voiceless



### The Rights of Our Animal Brethren

JUSTICE V.R.KRISHNA IYER

***"From an early age, I have adjured the use of meat, and the time will come when men look upon the murder of animals as they look upon the murder of men."***

- Leonardo Da Vinci.

An issue of fundamental significance and universal relevance needs to be brought into the consciousness of the world community. Ecology and environment, life in every form and evolution, have certain harmony and intergrality that makes all creation kin. Spiritually speaking, the quintessence of the environmental movement, in its widest sweep, is that everything belongs to the supreme self and performs its karma with a functional nexus. In practical terms, there is a purpose for everything in Nature too sacred to be destroyed. Eknath Easwaran has exquisitely expressed this idea which I may excerpt here.

"Nobody has any right to pollute the air, water, or seas, to cut down forests, or to wash away the topsoil. We do not own the earth. We are just transients who have been entrusted to leave the earth a little better than we found it. This is everybody's job; nobody is exempt from it and, in this sense, nobody is unemployed."

"It follows that our environment crisis demands that every one of us play a useful part, in our own way, to improve the environment wherever we live. If a person fails to do that, even if he wins a prestigious prize, the Buddha would say, you haven't done what you have to do."

"When you have done what you have to do, you will feel very secure, very fulfilled. As you discover the self in your own heart, you discover it simultaneously everywhere, in the people and creatures around you. You will feel very much at home in this universe. You don't need to take my word for it. Try it and see for yourself". ("Your life is your message" by Eknath Easwaran, Nilgiri Press, USA-p 92-93)

Ahimsa of Gandhi or "love thy neighbour" of Jesus proceed on the basic law of our being, the truth of our nature and our innate dignity. This, a Davidic vision, is the soul of our cultural heritage: and when we meditate with this unitive

understanding, the mountains, the oceans, the forests and all living forms and inorganic things look divine. God (or call Him by whatever name you like) sleeps in the mineral, wakes in the vegetable, walks in the animal, thinks in man and reaches realization when the human ascent and the divine descent meet. If we are able to gain this vistic perspective, peace on earth becomes an easy essay to achieve. In the words of Adlai Stevenson, the human race is a family: men are brothers: all wars are civil wars. Such a holistic perception, makes the whole world kin and promotes a new order alive with a sublime presence.

The U.N. Conference on Environment and Development and the Declaration made at Rio de Janeiro emanate from these spiritual depths. The order of Nature is itself a manifestation of this conceptual globalization. The time has come for the nations and peoples everywhere to adopt the order of Nature as the cornerstone of the New World Human Order.

The philosophy of the Order may be tersely expressed thus: Nature is made up of an inanimate terrestrial, aerial and aquatic ensemble, on the one hand an animate vegetable, animal and human habitat, on the other hand.



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The human species must consider itself an element of the terrestrial habitat and must respect co-existence and symbiosis. Any failure to respect these is an attack on nature, prejudicial to the whole ensemble of inanimate and animate beings.

'The actions to be rewarded concern, in particular, the safeguarding of the natural environment, the struggle against genocidal pollution, the safeguarding of the vegetable and animal species, animal protection, the teaching of the relations between humans and nonhumans, the fight against speciesism and more generally, all actions tending to render efficient the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Animals, the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Plants and the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Nature which is drafted by Prof. Georges Heuse. The declarations and the order of Nature will stimulate the perception of the cosmic integral Unity in human species.

There is no international nor national order comparable to the Order of Nature; the existing orders regard human beings as humans, and not as members of the community of Nature. The Order of Nature will be considered as the first supranational Order and the first planetary model.'

This vedic vision of the Indian seers of ancient vintage is our proud heritage. The radiant of this world of harmony and non-violence must persuade all humanity to adopt what Prof. Heuse, President of the World Foundation of Quality of Life, has called the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Nature. Animal Welfare, plant culture, organic and inorganic chemistry of existence find fulfillment only when everyone is conscientised into acceptance of the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Nature. This declaration was drafted by Prof. Georges Heuse (Belgium), President of the World Foundation for the Quality of Life (University of Ghent), author of the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Animals (1972) and proclaimed on 15th October, 1978 at UNESCO. I advocate the adoption of this declaration by Bharat of the Buddha and Gandhi and inspire humanity world-wide to attain harmony with everything everywhere.

*MOBILISE PEOPLES' COMPASSION  
TO ACTIVISE ANIMAL WELFARE  
LEGISLATION*

The universality of divinity is a fundamental faith of Indian humanity rooted in the Rig Veda and manifest in the spiritual core of all religions. "The ancients have stated that God sleeps in the mineral, awakens in the vegetable, walks in the animal and thinks in

man". The unity that runs through Creation is thus a basic truth. Nature has thus an integral relation with animalia and homo sapiens is an in severable part of the evolutionary spiral, the highest peak of ecological ascent. The ecological and environmental preservation is vital for life to survive on earth. These great values are reflected in our constitution, a rare good fortune and a binding recognition. The State and the citizen are duty bound to promote and preserve ecology and environment as mandated by Articles 48A and 51A.

Justice to animal citizens is as basic to humanism as social justice is to an exploited people. You are no true Hindu, Jain, Parsi, Christian or Muslim if you do not accept the indivisible unity of Creation and the power of the invisible Creator. So it is that love of animals, in the widest connotation, is integral to the divine vision. Be you secular or spiritual ecological fundamentals compel us to a compassionate relationship with our sub human brethren. Here, indeed, is the starting point of the deeper awareness of the harmony of Nature, Karuna and Ahimsa as a part of our cultural heritage.

The philosophical perspective of Animal Welfare is thus part and parcel of our cultural heritage. Every time cruelty is practiced on



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man or beast or bird or insect, we do violence to the Buddha and Mahavira. Every torture on an animal and every export of animals is a sin to the memory of the founders of Bharatiya Sanskar.

Rukmini Devi, that gracious lady who symbolized kindness to animals in her person, moved Jawaharlal Nehru to pass a legislation and thus we have today the Prevention of cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.

Laws are decorative pieces on the Statute Book unless there are powerful movements supportive of their provisions. The anatomy of the 1960 Act has powers and functions and infrastructure and has the funding and control of the Government. Cruelty to animals is an offence and experimentation on animals is regulated but not abolished. Performing animal in circuses and otherwise for exhibition imply torture and so the Act has provisions for policing such performances and exhibitions with view to prevent cruelty. With all this and one or two later amendments, cruel practices are continuing in the land where the cow is sacred, compassion is a constitutional duty but torture some entertainment, bleeding, butchery, animal sacrifice and other forms of cruelty

are still extant. Sans people's movement, cruelty to animals will never, cease.

Now that the western winds are blowing and the consumerist craze is growing, there is a new peril to our animal brethren. For instance:

*"The fur industry wages war on wildlife, the lucrative leather market bolsters the cattle industry, and wool comes from sheep who suffer unanaesthetized tooth grinding, tail cutting and unskilled shearing. Angora is made from the hair of rabbits bred for a fast-growing intensive confinement industry.*

*By choosing products made with canvas, cotton, nylon, acrylic and other materials, we can clothe ourselves beautifully without endorsing cruelty.*

The more we realize that animals have real lives like our own, the more courage we have to inform others. Most people prefer not to be associated with animal suffering, but may not know the facts. Our silence must not contribute to their ignorance."

### IS THERE A SOLUTION?

Governments must be pressurized to do the right thing lest India's image and cultural heritage suffer severe damage. Let us not betray

the generations from the Buddha to Gandhi. Our trust with destiny, made when India awoke to Independence, included an imperative that the nation will wipe every tear from every eye?. This applies to our animal brethren, parrots, doves and other birds with broken wings to be sold as pets or for delicate dish, lions and tigers cramped and doped in small cages and even elephants and bears brutally treated to perform impossible feats. Let us begin the crusade for compassion and we must win because our case is just.

*"DARWIN TAUGHT US NOT THAT ALL MEN WERE MONKEYS ONCE, BUT THAT SOME MONKEYS HAVE NO TAILS NOW."*

– George Bernard Shaw

(Excerpted from Random Reflections by Justice V. R. Krishna Iyer, Universal, ed. 2003.)

Courtesy:

LAWYERS UPDATE - JULY 2005

**Thiruvananthapuram, Dec. 5, 2014:** Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer, eminent jurist and former Supreme Court judge, passed away in Kochi this afternoon. He was 100.



# Horse & Pony Care



The whole idea of compassion is based on a keen awareness of the interdependence of all these living beings, which are all part of one another, and all involved in one another.  
~ Thomas Merton







# Human Apathy

## Three Asiatic Lions Run Over By Goods Train In Gir

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***A pride of six lions was passing by the railway track when a goods train crossed the track and killed three of them at around 12:45 am.***

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[excerpted]

Three Asiatic lions were killed in the Gir forest division in Gujarat's Amreli district when a train ran over them on the intervening night of Monday and Tuesday. The lion carcasses were found on the railway tracks in the Borala village early on Tuesday morning, forest officials said.

"A pride of six lions was passing by the railway track when a goods train crossed the track and killed three of them at around 12:45 am," Dushyant Vasavada, Chief Conservator of Forests of Junagadh Wildlife Circle, told NDTV. The goods train was going from Botad to Pipavav.

Two male lions and one lioness, between the age of 1.5 and 2 years, were killed in the accident, Mr Vasavada said. He added that a probe is on in the incident. "We are trying to get details on the train speed, negligence of trackers and forest staff. Stringent action will be taken against the defaulters," he said.

At least 30 lions have died in Gir forest division since September.

infection in September, 36 lions were captured and shifted to three rescue centres as a precautionary measure. Twenty-three big cats had died in Gir in a short span of three weeks in September.

## Elderly elephant collapses and dies after carrying tourists

A petition to end elephant riding at Angkor Wat in Cambodia has garnered more than 14,000 signatures in just 48 hours after an elderly elephant trained to carry tourists collapsed and died in 40 degree heat.

The newspaper quoted Oan Kiri, manager of the Angkor Elephant Company, which had owned Sambo since 2001, as saying the company was saddened by the loss.

Campaigners in Cambodia say Sambo's death should be the catalyst to lead to the banning of elephant tourism.



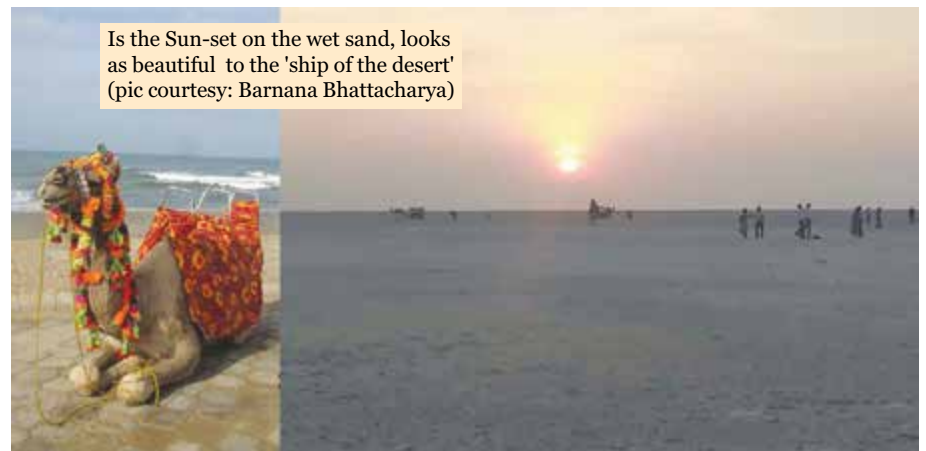
Mammoths do not enjoy begging

"It's time to end elephant riding," read the petition addressed to the Authority for the Protection and Management of Angkor and the Region of Siem Reap (APSARA).

"The death... should be the final wake-up call for the community and tourism industry to take the steps needed to end this horrific practice.

"There is no such thing as cruelty-free elephant rides. Tourists may think that riding an elephant on holiday does not cause harm... what you don't realise is that a 'once in a lifetime' or 'bucket list' item for you means a lifetime of misery for wild animals."

Is the Sun-set on the wet sand, looks as beautiful to the 'ship of the desert' (pic courtesy: Barnana Bhattacharya)



What happens when you let an unsatisfactory present go on long enough?  
It becomes your entire history. ~ Louise Erdrich



## 'Elephants Do Not Go to Office': Supreme Court

### Confirms Jumbo's Rights to Forest Routes

*After the wall was built, in May 2015, a male elephant bashed its head against the wall while trying to break it, finally dying of haemorrhage.*

January 21, 2019, 5:10 pm  
by Vidya Raja  
[excerpted]

Something my older son said to me when we took him on a safari last year has stayed with me.

He asked why we were in a jeep invading the tiger's home. I tried explaining that we were on a safari and were there to see the tigers, but his question was both pertinent and important.

Over the years, under the grab of industrialisation and progress, forest land has been gradually taken over, and in most cases, the animals, displaced.

In what can only be celebrated as great news, a two-judge bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and M R Shah of the Supreme Court in its order dated January 18, 2019, ordered Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL) to demolish a 2.2-kilometre boundary wall in the middle of an elephant corridor in Assam's Golaghat district. The wall had been topped with barbed wire.

Facts as known

In 2011, NRL had built a wall for its housing estate in Assam. While

this township had some of the best infrastructure and facilities, it cut through the path of an elephant corridor.

After the wall was built, in May 2015, a male elephant bashed its head against the wall while trying to break it, finally dying of haemorrhage.

Several such videos started emerging on social media, and in August 2015, RTI activist Rohit Choudhury filed a petition in the National Green Tribunal seeking answers about the constructed wall.

The NGT, in its order dated August 24, 2016, said that the wall should be demolished within one month and the proposed township should not come up in the present location.

However, in a review application filed by the NRL, they said that

the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority had cleared the construction and therefore, there was no reason to demolish the wall.

Rejecting the appeal in August 2018, the bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel said that the elephant corridors had to be preserved to protect their habitats from fragmentation.

In a strongly worded order, Justice Chandrachud observed, "Elephants have the first right on the forest. Elephants do not go to office in a designated route. We cannot encroach upon the elephant's area."

With this, the Supreme Court has reinforced that the Right on the Forest first rests with the animals. Environmentalists and animal conservationists have also hailed this decision.

Hon'ble Supreme Court dismissed the appeal filed by Numaligarh Refinery Ltd. Orders to demolish the entire 2.2 kms boundary wall blocking the elephant corridor in Deopahar PRF. No new township expansion. SC opined that elephants have first right on forest. Finally elephants wins ????

— Rohit Choudhury (@Rohitskaziranga)  
January 18, 2019

(Edited by Shruti Singhal)



Cartoon courtesy :  
Late Chandhi Lahiri



## Tree for Life

"We killed them, Baba", six-year-old Hirkani wailed to her father, Madhav, as they stood on their terrace.

"We killed the plants," she repeated.

Madhav and his family had just returned home after a 10-day trip to Kolkata.

Before leaving they had made special arrangements with water bottles to ensure that the plants were watered daily. But in the last minute rush, they forgot to open the covers.

By the time they had returned, the plants had dried up.

This was four years ago. While most of us might find the child's emotional response charming, it drove her father, Madhav Patil to work in a different direction.

**He started observing trees around him. And the more he did that, the more he realised how decade old trees around the area had either been chopped down or had become mediums of advertising.**

How so, you may ask.

Have you noticed the banners, flex boards and posters that are hammered into tree trunks using rusted iron nails?

"Every time I saw this, I would remember my daughter's words. She was only a child but thought of plants and trees as living beings who 'felt' more than we ever did. I had to do something."

And so, four years ago, as everyone around him was celebrating Holi, he walked through his neighbourhood, identified trees with banners and advertisements nailed into them and started the process of making them nail-free.

This simple move of removing nails from trees sparked a revolution across five states in India.

Today, the 'Nail Free Trees' campaign has over 500 volunteers spread across 20 districts in Maharashtra and in states like Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, and Rajasthan, and has helped free more than 6,000 trees from 50,000 nails.

[excerpted]



**Only when the last tree is cut, only when the last river is polluted, only when the last fish is caught, will they realize that you can't eat money.**

~ Native American proverb

**"If trees were included in electoral roll as voters, then they would remain,"**  
a Delhi High Court bench of justices Badar Durrez Ahmed and Ashutosh Kumar said





# Memorial Garden

Animals can only love and trust you or they can, at the most, fear you, hatred is alien to the animal world.

It is always carried by groups of living people, and therefore it is in permanent evolution.  
~ ERIC HOBSBAWM



Red Oleanders (রক্ত করবী) in memory of Ashis



Spanish Cherry (বকুল) in memory of Sampui



Norfolk Island Pine (ক্রিসমাস ট্রি) in memory of Dady

Late Kaushik Mitra who left us on April 9, 2014, was an excellent worker for the 'cause of the mutes'; he was one of our early volunteers to be trained as Animal Welfare Officer, Govt. of India..

Cedrus Deodara (দেবদারু) in memory of Kaushik

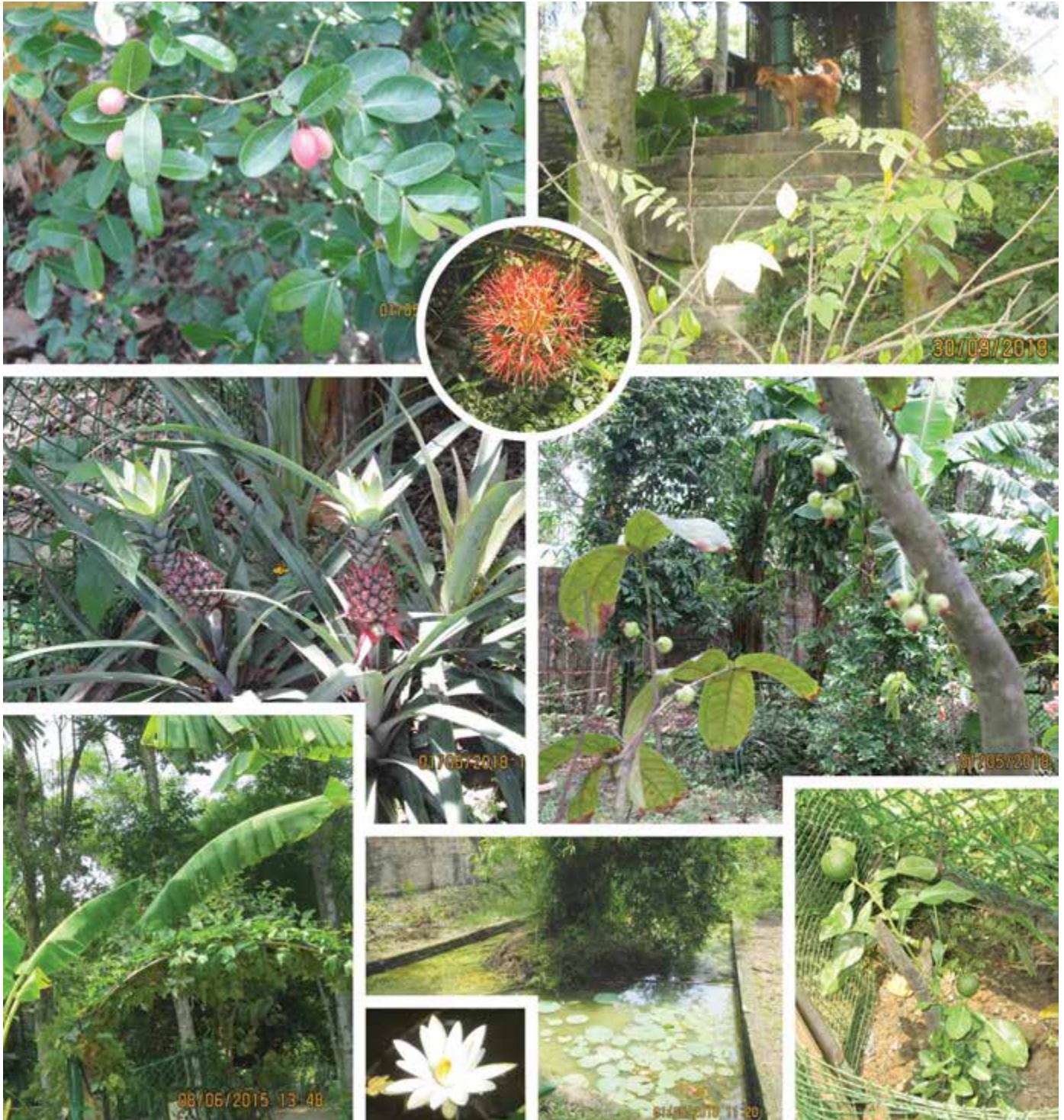


Magnolia Champaca (চম্পা) in memory of Souryadipta  
On July 1., 2016, a compassionate Calcutta couple, Swapna & Pankaj Kayal have arranged to plant a tree in memory of Souryadipta, their only son who left them on this day in 1994, in a tragic road accident. They felt Karuna Kunj is a rare place which has a "only love, no hatred" vive which is so much of a need of the hour in this strife stricken world full of hatred amongst humans.





## Garden at Karuna Kunj



Perfection is achieved, not when there is nothing more to add, but when there is nothing left to take away. ~ Antoine De Saint-exupéry



## Ritual Sacrifice

### First conviction of animal sacrifice practitioner in 11 years

#### Freedom of religion claim failed

Pursuing a defense used many times by Santerians since the Supreme Court ruled in favor of Santerians in *Church of the Lukumi Babalu Aye, Inc. v. City of Hialeah*, Carrion contended that the charges brought against her violated her First Amendment right to freedom of religion.

Countered Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Alexandra Hazel, "She has a right to practice her religion," but that was not the issue before the bench. Rather, Hazel said, the issue was that "She deprived these animals of food, water, and shelter and then cruelly killed them."

#### First conviction since 2005

Carrion appears to be the first Santerian to be convicted of cruelty to animals since July 2005, when high priest Gilbert Stevenson of South San Francisco, California plea-bargained a sentence of 30 days in San Mateo County jail, and was ordered to pay restitution of \$5,520 to the Peninsula Humane Society. In addition, Stevenson was barred from keeping animals other than the pet cat and two dogs he already had.

"Animal-control officers raided Stephenson's home in May 2004," recounted San Mateo County Timesstaff writer Malaika Fraley, "after receiving calls from neighbors complaining about the farm animals he kept in cages behind the house. Authorities seized nearly 200 animals, including pygmy goats, rabbits, a pot-bellied pig and about 100 birds, including chickens, pigeons, guinea hens and ducks."

#### Texas precedent

Before the Carrion case, the most recent prominent prosecution of a Santerian came in Euless, Texas. A lower court in 2008 agreed with the city of Euless that Santerian priest Jose Merced broke local ordinances in ceremonially slaughtering goats, lambs, chickens, and turtles at his home.

But the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, a Washington D.C.-based nonprofit law firm, appealed the verdict to a three-judge panel of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. The appellate court in July 2009 overturned the verdict as a violation of the Texas Religious Freedom Restoration Act, and urged Euless to draft a permit that would authorize Santerian practices. Euless was also eventually obliged to pay \$175,000 in attorney's fees to the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty.

[excerpted from ANIMALS24-7]

*Ripples of CCT's Compassionate Activities against animal sacrifice are reaching global shores.*

**Deonnie Gai Moodie**, Faculty of Arts & Sciences, Harvard University, wrote on early May this year.

Dear Debasis-da, I wanted to let you know that I recently defended my dissertation on Kalighat Temple, and have acknowledged you and written briefly about the work of the Compassionate Crusader's Trust regarding the practices of the temple.

The title of the dissertation is "Contesting Kalighat: Discursive Productions of a Hindu Temple in Colonial and Contemporary Kolkata." It is an analysis of the ways in which historical texts, lawsuits, newspaper articles, and campaigns produce Kalighat as a historical, religious, and public object, each with varying implications - particularly, bolstering the temple's popularity and importance, and making it a site that is deeply contested today.

Thanks again for speaking with me at length about your work and helping to make this research possible.

**Deonnie**

**Dr Rachel Fell McDermott**, Professor & Chair, Asian & Middle Eastern Cultures of Barnard College, Columbia University also published a research paper in 2011, titled *Revelry, Rivalry, and Longing for the Goddess of Bengal: The Fortunes of Hindu Festivals*; mentioning our campaign against animal sacrifice, with a special mention of our Kalighat campaign and subsequent judicial & administrative intervention.

So that, in effect, religion, which should most distinguish us from beasts, and ought most peculiarly to elevate us, as rational creatures, above brutes, is that wherein men often appear most irrational, and more senseless than beasts themselves. ~ John Locke



## Animal rescue at Calcutta Airport

***CCT's vigilance against wildlife trade continues. Our anti-poaching drive and goading the appropriate authorities to regularly 'haul up' wild birds and turtles from the grey markets has become a 'routine', making a significant dent. Our volunteers from all walks of life have been ever vigilant.***

### Wildlife racket under scanner

A STAFF REPORTER - 09 Oct 2018 • Business [excerpted]

Calcutta: The directorate of revenue intelligence has come to know about an international wildlife smuggling and trading ring after questioning Dominic Jacob Sequeira, who was arrested in the airport's cargo section on Saturday night on the charge of trading in wildlife, officials said.

Sequeira, a 40-year-old resident of Pune, and one of his alleged associates were picked up by a team from the directorate while they were allegedly preparing to load 35 animals and birds -- which are said to have been smuggled in from Myanmar and flown to Calcutta from Aizawl -- on a car registered in Maharashtra.

"Sequeira said during interrogation that wildlife is regularly smuggled in from Thailand. The animals and birds are sold to collectors all over the country, especially in Mumbai, Chennai, Pune and Bangalore. Most buyers have mini-zoos or

some display zones in their farmhouses," an official of the directorate said.

The animals, according to the sleuths, are usually transported in cars and trucks and they enter India through Myanmar's border in Mizoram.

Sequeira is said to have admitted to his involvement in the racket that smuggles in animals, birds and reptiles from Thailand. "The racket is well organised and has been active for several years. We are zeroing in on a number of men in Aizawl, Pune and Chennai," the official said.

The accused has apparently said he had come in touch with a Bangkok-based trader in wildlife after setting up Vandoes Pet Products and Services, an agency that deals in pet food and accessories, a few years ago.

"He has told us he would stay in touch with the suppliers and the

buyers through WhatsApp and messaging services of various social networking sites," the official said.

The rescued menagerie included a pair of Black-and-White Ruffed Lemurs that are native to Madagascar, a baby Marmoset, a Bengal cat and exotic birds such as Eclectus Parrots, Macaws and Birds of Paradise.

The animals and birds have been taken to the Alipore zoo hospital. "They are very stressed because they were transported in cramped conditions for a long period. They are being given an assortment of their favourite fruits, berries, grains and even fish but they are not eating much," a veterinarian at the zoo said.

An official in the directorate said they had asked the zoo authorities to keep the rescued animals. "They could be put on display once their condition improve," he said..





## Tiger... not burning bright!

### 384 Tigers Killed In India In Last 10 Years, Reveals RTI

7th December 2018 | The Hindustan Age

New Delhi: In the past decade, 384 tigers are reportedly killed by poachers across the country, which counts to over three tigers a month, a reply under the Right to Information revealed.

Between 2008 and 2018 (till November), 961 persons have also been arrested for allegedly poaching tigers, it said.

The information was given by the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau or WCCB in response to a Right to Information (RTI) query filed by Noida-based advocate Ranjan Tomar.

Tomar, an RTI activist, had asked the WCCB the number of tigers killed by poachers in the last decade, and the people arrested and convicted for the same.

"As per the data available in records of the Bureau based on

the information received from the State Forest and Police authorities the total number of tigers killed by poachers in the last 10 years is 384 and 961 number of poachers arrested in the tiger cases," the reply stated.

However, the bureau said that no information was available with it regarding conviction of the accused in these cases.

"The data makes it clear that successive governments have not been able to check killing of tigers by poachers and therefore there is a need for a special initiative to conserve this wild species or make changes in current laws to make them more effective else," Tomar said.

For conservation of the country's national animal, the government had launched 'Project Tiger' in 1973. As per a 2014 assessment, India has the highest number of tigers in the world at 2,226, according to the website of the

Ministry of Environment, Wildlife and Climate Change.

The recent killing case of Tigress Avni on November 2 raised socio-political arguments around the nature of her death and the flaws in the procedure. So much so, that an irate Maneka Gandhi accused the Maharashtra government for the "brutal murder" of 6-year-old tigress Avni. (PTI)

**Metaphysically speaking, evil is the permanent law, and what is good is an effort.**

Wat Pha Luang Ta Bua, popularly known as Tiger Temple, being run by Buddhist Monks was raided by the authorities in Thailand, discovered 40 dead tiger cubs in a freezer at the Tiger Temple, which is being investigated for wildlife trafficking.

Officials in the Southeast Asian country made the macabre find as they corralled and captured more than 130 surviving adult tigers at the tourist destination west of Bangkok.

The Wildlife Conservation Office said that the tigers were being mistreated, and have begun taking control of them from the Buddhist monks who run the center.

All in the name of Buddha!





## Animal-free Circus

### Carnivore acts banned first

The multi-act circus as developed in England and the U.S. "came to India in the year 1880," Mehrotra recalled, "when Vishnupant Chatre, inspired by the Royal Italian Circus, came up with The Great Indian Circus.

"Circuses have grown since," Mehrotra continued, "and unfortunately, with them grew the exploitation of animals," including acts such as "tigers jumping through burning rings, lions walking in a line, elephants standing on stools, hippos playing with balls, dogs on bicycles and parrots balancing balls on their heads."

The Animal Welfare Board of India in 1978 took the lead worldwide in responding to cruelty to circus animals, banning the use of bears, monkeys, and big cats such as lions and tigers in traveling shows, but the edict went unenforced until 2001, when it was belatedly affirmed by the Supreme Court of India.

More than 280 lions, 40 tigers, and several dozen ex-performing bears were transferred to seven animal rescue centres accredited by the Indian Central Zoo Authority.

### Elephant acts next--and now all animals?

The Central Zoo Authority then decreed in 2009 that elephants could no longer be exhibited by zoos and circuses, but was unable to enforce that order until the Animal Welfare Board quit licensing elephants for circus use in 2013.

Finally, "on the Animal Welfare Board of India and Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organizations' recommendations," Mehrotra recounted, "the Central Zoo Authority banned the use of any wild animals for performances in circuses in the year 2017."

Then, Mehrotra said, "on November 28, 2018, the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change proposed a ban on the use of all animals in circuses. This proposal is currently up for debate for 30 days, after which the ban could be implemented."

The 30 days ended on December 28, 2018, with a final decision by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change pending.

~ Excerpted from : *Animals 24-7*

CCT has been one of the first, in mid 1990s, to raise the issue of exploitation of human 'performers' in circuses. Most of the children (even a majority of the adults) are virtual bonded workers; devoid of basic insurance, post retirement benefits, even 'protection' in case of permanent disability due to injury during a performance. Taking cue from CCT, Circus artistes in Kerala have been brought under medical insurance by the Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi. The artistes would be entitled to Rs 1 lakh in case of hospitalisation and Rs 1,000 per week till discharge.

The rescue of child-performers from the same circus has brought another important 'circus issue' in focus. CCT has been one of the first, in mid 1990s, to raise the issue of exploitation of human 'performers' in circuses. Most of the children (even a majority of the adults) are virtual bonded workers; devoid of basic insurance, post retirement benefits, even 'protection' in case of permanent disability due to injury during a performance.

Another most recent incident of rescue of performing animals from a circus. Animal welfare organizations rescued 22 animals from the premises of Rambo Circus at the PWD Grounds in Sangvi, Maharashtra following a night-long operation. Circus authorities, however, opposed the action and claimed that it was illegal. The animals, including 4 elephants, 4 horses and 14 dogs, were moved to rescue facilities.



वो जंगल था  
जहां रहते थे हम  
ये सर्कस है  
जहां तोड़ते हैं हम

The belief in a supernatural source of evil is not necessary;  
men alone are quite capable of every wickedness. ~ Joseph Conrad



# Tribes of Andamans... should be left alone

We [journalists] tell the public which way the cat is jumping. The public will take care of the cat.  
~ Arthur Hays Sulzberger

The survival of the Jarawas and four other rare tribes — Onge, the Great Andamanese, the Sentinelese and the Shompens, each numbering less than 350 members in the Andaman and Nicobar tropical island chain is threatened by a disturbing new trend: human safaris.

The recent death of John Allen Chau, the American killed on the North Sentinel Island, has brought undesirable attention to the Sentinelese.

In 1967, posted with the Anthropological Survey of India in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Trilok Nath Pandit travelled with a team to North Sentinel. He led a rare successful friendly expedition to the North Sentinel Island.

"They are a peace-loving people. They aren't an obstacle to any development projects. Why would anyone want to go for a picnic in their area?" asks Pandit, in response to the recent developments.

Pandit observes that the hostility that Sentinelese display towards "civilized people" is not a sudden phenomenon. The antagonism can be traced back to British colonial times, according to him. In the 1880s, British naval officer Maurice Vidal Portman landed on the island with some of his men. The encounter resulted in the kidnapping of a few Sentinelese,

thus cementing their mistrust of non-islanders.

Pandit, even today, remains of the opinion that the tribe should be left alone and uses the example of the Jarawa tribe, who have come in contact with others, to illustrate his point.

First exposed by tribal rights group Survival International in 2010 and brought to light by an unsettling video uploaded by British newspaper The Observer, dozens of visitors to the remote Andaman Islands — queue up daily at dawn to drive through a jungle reserve set aside for the Jarawa tribe tossing scraps of food.

The Jarawa people lived successfully on their island without contact with outsiders for probably about 55,000 years, until 1998.

The very last member of the neighbouring Bo tribe died in

January. We must not allow the same fate to befall the Jarawa, or the world will lose yet another vibrant, knowledgeable and complex part of humankind.

"The Jarawas began drinking alcohol, smoking tobacco and caught diseases that they wouldn't have had they not been exposed to our culture," he says.

Pandit says the Sentinelese have made a conscious decision to shun contact. "They have canoes. They have chosen to stay away from us, perhaps, they think outsiders are dangerous," he says.



Favourite fruit of Jarawas, Andamans  
Courtesy : Sanghamitra Chakraborty



Supreme Court bars entry of tourists in Jarawa tribe habitat - 2013



## A global effort to trace plastic pollution

### Citizen Scientists Are Tracking Plastic Pollution Worldwide

*A nonprofit called Adventure Scientists has put outdoor enthusiasts to work in a global effort to trace plastic pollution.*

~ By Matt Smith

Scientists who are monitoring the spread of tiny pieces of plastic throughout the environment are getting help from a small army of citizen volunteers — and they're finding bits of polymer in some of the most remote parts of North America.

Crowdsourcing water samples and cataloging debris found on beaches extends the reach of researchers who are trying to assess the extent of the microplastic problem and the growing concerns about the health risks it may pose.

"As much as I would love to fly around the world collecting

bottled water and tap water samples, that's not really feasible given my funding and obligations," Sherri Mason, a chemist at the State University of New York at Fredonia who has studied plastic contamination in the Great Lakes and in water systems worldwide, told Seeker.

That's where the citizen scientists come in. A Montana-based nonprofit organization called Adventure Scientists has put outdoor enthusiasts to work in a worldwide effort to trace plastic pollution from highland waterways to the oceans.

"Those are people who are getting back into the deep woods and hard-to-access places in the world," said Katie Christiansen, the organization's microplastics manager.

"We work with people who are traveling to glaciers, who are getting to the poles," she went on.

"People who are accessing Alpine lakes and hard-to-reach access points of rivers. We equip them with a water bottle and some training, so they can do collection for us while they're out there recreating.

Over time, this effort has produced one of the largest global datasets to date, analyzing nearly 2,700 samples over four years — including a more systematic survey of the Gallatin River watershed that includes the organization's Bozeman headquarters. It found that 89 percent of seawater and 51 percent of freshwater samples contained plastic, mostly pieces or fibers smaller than 5 mm (3/16 of an inch).

Some of the cleanest spots recorded were in the western mountains, in places like the Rockies or the Cascade Range of the Pacific Northwest. But other parts of the high country weren't immune from tiny chips of plastic or strands of synthetic fiber.

"It was surprising to find any pollution at some of these Alpine backcountry locations," Christiansen noted.

### Going Green:

Online food delivery services have indeed freed our busy lives from the chore of cooking. However, the fact that each order comes in single-use plastic packaging is a







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concern that cannot be ignored anymore.

Food delivery services have been functioning in Tier-1 cities for a while now, but are relatively new in Thiruvananthapuram.

Even so, the plastic menace is at an all-time high.

According to Manorama, about 50,000 plastic containers are used on a daily basis in the city, and what is worse, about 90 per cent of these show up in biodegradable waste collected by waste collectors.

In a bid to completely crack down on this disturbing trend, the city corporation of Thiruvananthapuram has come up with a green alternative—plantain leaves for food packaging!

### **Airports Authority of India Goes Green, Bans Single-Use Plastic Items at 129 Airports!**

*According to a statement made by AAI, all airports will gradually become plastic-free, and this is the first step that the authority is taking towards achieving that goal.*

by Tanvi Patel  
January 8, 2019, 12:52 pm

If you pay close attention to most things you purchase at an airport, you'll notice that they are mostly wrapped in plastic.

Whether it is the bags that your items are packed in or the single-use cutlery, the use of plastic at airports will make anyone

concerned about the environment cringe.

However, in a bid to make the airports greener, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has imposed a ban on single-use plastics at 129 airports across the country.

### **Here are five things you must know about this green move:**

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2. The Ahmedabad, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Dehradun, Indore, Kolkata, Madurai, Pune, Raipur, Tirupati, Trichy, Vadodara, Varanasi, Vijayawada, and Vizag airports have already been declared plastic free. These airports were selected on the basis of the third-party assessment carried out by the Quality Council of India (QCI).

3. Issuing a statement about the ban, the authority said, "Various steps have been undertaken to eliminate single-use plastic items

at passenger terminals and city side. These steps include banning of single-use plastic items like straws, plastic cutlery, plastic plates etc."

4. Elaborating upon the next step in this implementation, AAI said that it has also engaged the QCI to check how the ban has been implemented at 34 airports across the country that handle about 10 lakh passengers every year.

**This assessment, they said, will be completed on January 31, 2019.**

5. "AAI is also enhancing its waste management systems and is promoting the use of eco-friendly sustainable alternatives progressively like [the] use of biodegradable garbage bags in garbage bins and installation of plastic bottles crushing machine[s] at airports. AAI airports have also started various awareness campaigns for sensitising all stakeholders, [especially] passengers, towards the cause and to drive engagement and cooperation from all of them," stated AAI.

Before CCT came into being, awareness about environment, animal rights, related human health issues were all quite vague and sporadic in our country. Now some of them have been accepted through legislation by our own country and even other civilized nations. Some more have reached the highest level of judiciary and the religious & community leaders.

CCT's stand on compassion vindicated.

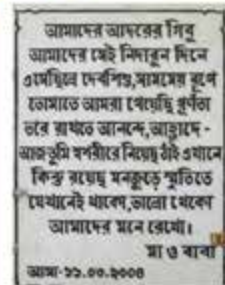


# Animal Memorial



Karuna Kunj pet-burial continues to offer dignified farewell to the departed 'mute members of the family'. The 'Memorial to Every Loving Pet' stands in all its gracious serenity, with the touching poem that brings a lump to all animal lovers' throat! Now a solar powered lamp post, courtesy Mr. Pradip Mitra, brightens the serene space.

'Together in death as in life' is the slogan of the Green Pet-Burial Society, USA. They have opted for affiliation with us and put Karuna Kunj at Compassionate Crusaders Trust (CCT), Kolkata, India in their International Cemetery Directory.





## George was a Snail - no more, no less



### George, Reclusive Hawaiian Snail And Last Of His Kind, Dies At 14.

George, the last of his species of Hawaiian land snail, died on New Year's Day. He was approximately 14 years old.

His death was confirmed by Hawaii's Department of Land and Natural Resources.

George was born as part of a last-ditch effort to save his species. Back in 1997, the last 10 known *Achatinella apexfulva* were brought into a University of Hawaii lab to try to increase their numbers. Some offspring resulted, but all of them died – except for George.

As the last remaining *A. apexfulva*, George lived out his days alone in a cage at DLNR's snail lab in Kailua, Oahu, alongside 30 other species close to extinction.

Those who knew George say he kept to himself.

"For a snail he was a little bit of a hermit," David Sischo, a wildlife biologist with the Hawaii Invertebrate Program, tells NPR. "I very rarely saw him outside of his shell."

Sischo said George likely died of old age, as 14 is "up there in snail years."

While those who knew George use male pronouns to talk about him, George was a hermaphrodite. With both male and female parts, some snails can reproduce without a partner.

And while George (named for the last surviving Pinta Island Galapagos tortoise) was but one shy snail, his death takes place amid a crisis for native snails in the Hawaiian Islands, which have been called "the extinction capital of the world."

"Island flora and fauna in general are pretty susceptible to pressures that are brought in from outside areas, such as introduced species," Sischo explains. "A lot of the animals that evolved here don't have a lot of natural defenses to mammalian predators and diseases that are brought in from mainland areas."

### UN Environment Assembly

The theme for the next UN Environment Assembly (UNEA 4), scheduled for March 2019, is

"Innovative solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption and production." One of the focus areas of UNEA relates to sustainable food systems. Therefore, the theme presents a strong opportunity for animal protection organizations, particularly those working on food and farmed animal issues and the development of alternative sources of protein. UN Environment has prepared an information note about this theme, as well as a roadmap of activities leading up to UNEA 4.

There is now a zero draft of the Ministerial Declaration, the outcome document of UNEA. WAN collected and submitted comments on this draft from its International Policy Forum. The resolutions for UNEA are also now being proposed and consolidated and can be reviewed here. It is notable that there is currently no proposed resolution that deals comprehensively with sustainable food systems, despite the fact that this is one of the key focus areas of UNEA.

Courtesy : NPR News

Rampant destruction & degradation of wetlands all over the country sounds as alarming. Closer home, one of CCT Life Members, Dr. Dhrubajyoti Ghosh, a UN Global 500 laureate and crusader for the East Calcutta Wetlands, has been making an impassioned plea for the protection of the water bodies and farmland covering 12,500 hectares and the people who eke out a living there from land sharks.

Perhaps it is better to wake up after all, even to suffer,  
rather than to remain a dupe to illusions all one's life. ~ Kate Chopin  
(dedicated to the memory of Dr.Dhurajyoti Ghosh)



## Vertical Garden

### Kolkata resident turns green crusader, grows vertical garden at home

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Soudhriti Bhabani, Kolkata  
Mail Today-New Delhi • July 29, 2015

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*All around us lies what we neither understand nor use. Our capacities, our instincts for this our present sphere are but half developed. Let us confine ourselves to that till the lesson be learned; let us be completely natural. ~ Margaret Fuller*



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By **Soudhriti Bhabani** in Kolkata



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## visitors at the vertical garden





# Karuna Kunj for Dogs



He who feeds  
a hungry  
animal, feeds  
his own soul.  
~ Charlie Chaplin





## Pet Therapy

### Having a Pet Will Change Your Life

If you are an animal lover, you have quite likely thought of adopting one to be by your side through thick and thin. Yet, if you do not have one, perhaps something is holding you back. Maybe it is the fear of taking on such a commitment- having to take responsibility of a whole new life can be daunting, or the fear of having to change your entire lifestyle to accommodate your new friend. These are all justified, but if you really think about it, there are many ways that having a pet will improve your life vastly outweigh any qualms you might have about them.

### A Friend for Life

Feline, canine, piscine, or otherwise, you really cannot go wrong with an animal friend. Pets are an incredible source of love, friendship, loyalty, and support when you most need them. They work wonders to bring joy to every member of your household and are an amazingly positive influence on everyone around them. Children who grow up with pets tend to be more compassionate and outgoing, and elders do find amazing companions in pets. A pet might just be what it takes to make your house a home.

### They are Amazing for Your Mental Health

There is a reason that emotional support animals exist. Our lives



are tremendously hectic and filled with stress and tension from the various pain points around us. Not all of it is in our control but one thing is for sure, coming home to a pet waiting to see you can be an immediate mood-lifter. Research has revealed that spending just some time every day playing with a pet can alleviate fatigue, increase brain activity, and promote restfulness and good mental health. They have also found correlations between owning pets and lower blood pressure, lower risk of cardiovascular disease, and lower anxiety and depression among subjects. Honestly, it is understandable; spend some time with a lovable dog or even just looking at a bright aquarium and you will feel it too.

### You Are Fitter Too!

A pet is a full-time commitment as long as you are around them. Be it taking them for walks or making sure they are fed, playing with them or ensuring they are all right; you are always on your toes. You end up being more agile, better exercised, and generally upbeat and energetic as a result of this daily routine,

which would surely be a welcome deviation from the lethargic, gloomy lives some of us lead.

### They Make You Want to be Better

Kids and pets are more alike than you might think. When someone is entirely dependent on you for his or her nutrition, upkeep, and happiness, you tend to learn responsibility overnight even if you had the most lackadaisical approach towards your life previously. Your animal friend does not speak the same language as you do, but they do speak the language of love. Over time, you find a middle ground where you are both comfortable, able to understand each other, and genuinely happy. Your heart aches when you are apart; you want to be available for them physically and emotionally, and you just want to be the best friend they could have asked for because you know they are just that for you.

A pet can truly change your life. Funnily enough, your social life is never the same again either! You run into more people who own pets themselves or just want to interact with yours, and this opens up whole new avenues of socialization that were previously closed to you. If you can set your insecurities aside and just try and take the leap, you may well find yourself happier than ever before.

~ Pawan Lohia



## Compassionate Crusaders and Calcutta Dogs

**Mr. Merritt Clifton sent a message: ANIMALS 24-7 officially launched on April 12, 2014. Reader response began arriving from around the world. Merritt's Editor's note mentioned, Debasis Chakrabarti's 2003 essay "How no-kill dog control came to Kolkata, India" has helped directors of neuter/return programs around the world to effectively balance the needs of animals with the concerns of humans.**

From ANIMAL PEOPLE, March 1998:

CALCUTTA—Calcutta, India, human population 11 million, is as little as \$10,000 away from becoming the fifth major Indian city to achieve no-kill dog control, following Bombay, Delhi, Madras, and Jaipur.

Just a few years ago some Calcutta leaders suggested shipping stray dogs to other Asian nations for meat. The city pound was overwhelmed, with a budget of just five cents per day per dog received. But the citizenry wouldn't hear of it.

Instead, on March 2, 1996, Calcutta turned dog control over to seven activist groups, among them Compassionate Crusaders Trust, founded in 1993 by Purnima Toolsidass, Ratna Ganguli, and dog psychologist Debasis Chakrabarti. Chakrabarti, involved in Calcutta humane work since he gave up medical studies in 1976 to work for kindness toward dogs, also heads the Calcutta chapter of People For Animals, the national animal

advocacy organization led by Member of Parliament and syndicated columnist Maneka Gandhi.

The other groups soon quit, but CCT and PFA picked up 40 homeless dogs their first day on the job, and kept on trucking—albeit critically short of trucks.

"The Calcutta Municipal Corporation is considering a total handover of the stray dog population to us from April 1999 on, provided we can build the infrastructure to handle it," explains Toolsidass.

Mainly, she says, CCT needs another van, to "transport small animals and double as an emergency mobile clinic," augmenting the two mobile clinics CCT now fields. One, the current CCT van, is a conventional animal ambulance donated by the Royal SPCA. The other is a three-wheeled cycle cab used to treat large animals where they are.

Toolsidass can get the van CCT needs for \$8,700 if she settles for a three-door model, like the one it already has, or \$9,400 if she is able to get a five-door model with a diesel engine, "equipment and fittings extra."

For barely \$18,000, CCT could have two new vans. But that's a lot of money for an organization with

gross annual revenues of \$44,000—even if the total payroll is just \$5,000.

On that budget, CCT has been neutering 2,000 female street dogs per year and hopes to neuter 3,000 in 1998.

That's only half as many animals as the American SPCA neuters per year in New York City, but the ASPCA has an annual budget of \$19 million, of which \$3.9 million is spent on hospital operations, and it doesn't fix many animals for free.

CCT also recently started the first cat shelter in the Calcutta area—one of the first for cats anywhere in Asia—on land donated by Ms. Majeda Islam at Bibirhat village, a Calcutta suburb. It feeds and waters the often severely abused riding ponies and carriage horses at Victoria Park, the Calcutta equivalent of New York's Central Park. It sponsors youth activities, which emphasize vegetarianism, as Toolsidass and partners believe a vegetarian diet is the foundation of creating "an ethically aware and compassionate society."

### Clinics

In addition, an 8-member CCT veterinary team organizes livestock clinics in villages anywhere within 60 miles of Calcutta. Much of that work, too, is educational, directed

**One major achievement of Compassionate Crusaders has been in changing the attitude of the 'authorities'! Kolkata is unique in one humane aspect, here Army, Airport & Police have been taking our help & guidance in 'humanely' solving all animal related issues & problems.**





## Compassionate Crusaders and Calcutta Dogs

at improving animal care and combatting illegal exports of cattle to slaughter in nearby Bangladesh.

But the camps do plenty of hands-on healing, too.

"One such cattle camp, sponsored by Sri Utsav Parekh, and coordinated by Ram Krishna Mission, treated 952 head of cattle, 560 goats, and 347 poultry," said a recently published program descriptions.

On the back was an itemized wish list. Donors may host a cattle camp for \$533. Vaccinating 100 stray dogs against rabies would cost \$67. For \$13,333, the appeal promised, "The CCT clinic will be named after you for life."

Collecting a \$27,960 personal expense account on top of his annual salary of \$183,694,

American SPCA president Roger Caras may spend \$13,333 just on lunch.

Money is scarce at the CCT, but in any conflict between price and principle, Toolsidass et al stand firm.

A leading local newspaper in late 1996 published an item about how Tokyo efficiently kills stray dogs.

Responded Toolsidass, "Mr. Debasis Chakrabarti started [our effort in Calcutta] by giving shelter to abandoned dogs. Reports [of the CCT work] brought a representative of the Royal SPCA in September 1993. The RSPCA hesitated to recognize us [as a member society] because Debasis refused to accept a clause [of their membership agreement] which called for euthanizing unwanted but healthy dogs. His stand was that to accept

such a policy was both unethical and dangerous. He feared it would open a floodgate of callous and rampant slaughter.

Your news item vindicated this stand. Reading that three quarters of a million unwanted pets are killed in Tokyo each year, I am not surprised that Japan also has the doubtful distinction of having the world's highest rates of suicide, hypertension, and juvenile diabetes. While it is good to have money and the things money can buy it is also good to check once in a while lest we lose the things money can't buy."

Meanwhile, Toolsidass must raise the money to buy the van.

[Address of the Compassionate Crusaders Trust at 1/13-A, Olai Chandi Road, Calcutta 700 037, India.]

### 16 Puppies Found Dead at Kolkata's NRS Hospital, Suspects Believed to be Nursing Students

Sujit Nath | News18.com  
January 14, 2019

***The bodies were sent for postmortem examination and the local police has started a case against unknown persons.***

Kolkata: 16 dead puppies were found wrapped inside a plastic bag at Kolkata's Nil Ratan Sarkar Medical College and Hospital on Sunday.

According to one of the students of the college, Mainik Das, two female students beat the puppies with rods around noon.

"I along with other students screamed and asked them not to hurt or kill the puppies. However, they refused to listen," Das said. A mobile video taken by another student also shows the two nursing students beating the puppies.

The bodies were sent for postmortem examination and the local police has started a case against unknown persons. No arrests have been made so far.

The Hospital has also started an inquiry but couldn't confirm the involvement of the two nursing students.

Meanwhile, animal rights activists in the city have condemned the incident and called for a high level probe.

"This shows the brutality of our society and the mindset. How can someone kill so many innocent puppies? There should a proper investigation in to the matter," said Debasis Chakrabarti of Compassionate Crusaders Trust (a non-profit Animal Welfare Charitable Trust).

**Michelle Lohutko' (Radiographer Technologist at Mid Coast Hospital Portland, Maine, USA) commented on CCT Facebook: Nursing students....that is unbelievable! These individuals lack basic empathy and shouldn't be trusted near any living beings! [Puppy killing story]**



## Karuna Kunj for Cats



“I gave an order  
to a cat,  
and the cat  
gave it to its tail”  
Chinese Proverb





# humane



Toy for some but living pet for a compassionate soul



Sukriti Chakraborty of Pune



Welcome by a kitty at Karuna Kunj Cattery

## Lord- an inspiration

### Lording it all



### Lording it all

A true testament to the resilience of the human spirit lies in the tale of Debabrata Sarkar, aka Lord.

Lord lost his father Bibek Brata Sarkar, the first supervisor of the Compassionate Crusaders' Centre for Animal Welfare (Tollygunge Clinic), at the tender age of 9, when he was studying in class III. However, this sudden shock in the youngster's formative years did not take away his desire to do well in studies. In 2010, Lord proved his mettle by passing the Higher Secondary examination of the West Bengal Board from Rahara Ramkrishna Mission Boys' Home School and since joined B.Com course of the Calcutta University. Presently serving in Indian Railways.

Lord's mother, Gitasree Sarkar, has been working as a supervisor in our Tollygunge Clinic, which was built almost single handedly by her husband on the erstwhile Old Russa Road Pump Room gifted by Calcutta Municipal Corporation. Kudos to the efforts of this tenacious individual!





# Forest Fire

We destroy everything!!!!  
Their Habitat, their lives and we  
always pass for the most  
intelligent beings on the planet.

We should be ashamed.

~ Erina Said,  
Civil Engineer from  
Katrineholm, Sweden



Forest Fire  
Courtesy : Erina Said (Sweden)



Forest Fire Victims  
Courtesy : Erina Said (Sweden)



# The rights of our animal brethren



**Compassionate Crusaders  
invite you to join them for  
their mourning walk.**



## Spreading the words of Compassion

### Knowledge is the true "Prasad"

এমন প্রসাদ আর কোথাও নেই, ভারতের এই মন্দিরে অভিনব পুণ্য মেলে

এবেলা । ৩ জানুয়ারি, ২০১৯

এই পুণ্য একবার মিললে কোনও দিনই চলে যাবে না। সারা জীবন সঙ্গে থেকে যাবে।

মন্দিরে পূজো দিয়ে প্রসাদে কখনও খিচুড়ি ভোগ, কখনও ফল প্রসাদ পাওয়া যায়। ভক্তরা পূজোর পরে ভক্তি ভরে সেই প্রসাদ খান। কিন্তু কেরলের এক মন্দিরে প্রসাদ বা খাবার নয়। ভক্তদের হাতে তুলে দেওয়া হয় বই।

এক সর্বভারতীয় সংবাদমাধ্যমের প্রতিবেদন থেকে জানা গিয়েছে, কেরলের ত্রিশুরে মহাদেব মন্দিরে বই তুলে দেওয়ার রীতি রয়েছে। এই শিব মন্দিরের নিয়মই ভক্তের হাতে পড়াশোনার সামগ্রী তুলে দেওয়া।

তবে শুধু বই-ই নয়। খাতা, কলম, পড়াশোনা সংক্রান্ত সিডি, ডিভিডিও দেওয়া হয় এই মন্দিরে। অন্যান্য মন্দিরে ভক্তরা ফুল, মিষ্টি, ফল, গয়না, পোশাক নিবেদন করে ঈশ্বরকে। সেটাই প্রসাদ হিসেবে আবার ভক্তদের মধ্যে বিলিয়ে দেওয়া হয়। কিন্তু এই মন্দিরে ভক্তরাও মহাদেবের জন্য বই, কলম, পেনসিল ইত্যাদি নিয়ে আসেন। সেগুলিই বিলিয়ে দেন পুরোহিতরা।

মহাদেব মন্দিরের পুরোহিত তারানাথ বলেন, “জ্ঞানই আসল প্রসাদ। তাই প্রসাদ হিসেবে আমরা মানুষকে বিভিন্ন বিষয়ের বই দিই।”

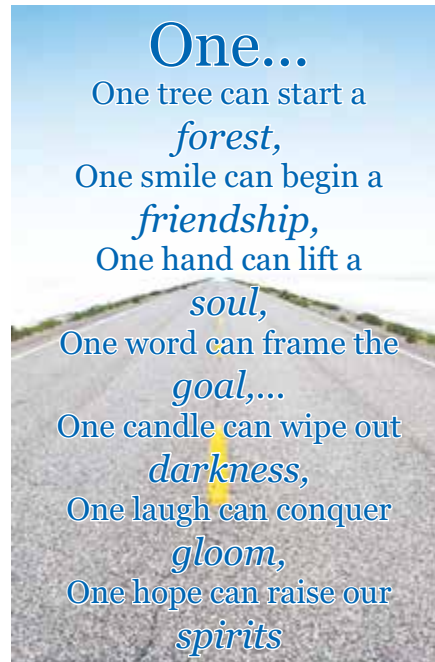
এই মন্দিরের আর একটি বিশেষত্ব হল, এই মন্দিরের দেওয়ালে শিক্ষাজগতের বহু বিখ্যাত মানুষের ছবি খোদাই করা রয়েছে। এর মধ্যে রয়েছেন আচার্য জগদীশ চন্দ্র বসু, সিভি রমন, এপিজে আবদুল কালাম, গণিতবিদ শ্রীনিবাস রামানুজন, আরও অনেকে।

এই মন্দিরের সঙ্গে পড়াশোনা অঙ্গঙ্গীভাবে জড়িয়ে। শিশুদের যখন অক্ষর জ্ঞান হওয়া শুরু হয়, তখন বিজয়াদশমীতে মা-বাবারা তাদের নিয়ে মন্দিরে যান। তাঁদের বিশ্বাস, এতে ছেলেমেয়েরা পড়াশোনায় ভাল হবেন।

### Spreading the word via libraries about ending cruelty to wildlife...

Thanks to all who've sent good wishes for my anti blood sport novel "Time to Stop Running". I hope to advance the cause of the persecuted Irish Hare (and victims of all blood sports) via this work of fiction, which tells the story of a hare who finds he is psychic and goes on to tackle cruel humans.

Can I suggest that anyone who supports my objective consider asking their local library to order a copy and make it available to the public? This would help enormously in reaching a wider readership. Libraries can acquire the book from Amazon. A woman who asked for the book at her



library last week mentioned this to me. I should have thought of it earlier!

Libraries (in Ireland as elsewhere) stock and display many books that promote and glamorize blood sports (or "field sports" as they are euphemistically called) but not so many publications that take the side of the animals afflicted by man's inhumanity.

It would be nice to redress the balance a little by encouraging libraries to make available anti blood sports books (fiction and non-fiction) and works that advocate other animal protection causes/issues.

**John Fitzgerald**

December 19th 2018

(Campaign for the Abolition of Cruel Sports)

6, Lower Coyne Street, Callan, Co. Kilkenny, Republic of Ireland

The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays. ~ Søren Kierkegaard

# *Saint for the world Mother for Crusaders*



Mother Teresa was declared a Saint on 4th September last year. Earlier on 10th December, 1979. She was conferred with the Nobel Peace Prize for her unforgettable work for the poor & distressed people.

Compassionate Crusaders, have treasured remembrances of Mother. Our Trust was launched on November-1993 and the Founder of CCT, along with a Trustee, were fortunate enough to meet her personally and get her

..... blessings on the subsequent New Year's Day, 1994.

At our formal launching, Mother Teresa wrote "This brings you my prayer and God's blessing, for the purpose of spreading awareness that Social Welfare and Environmental issues are all interlinked. Let us remember that Animals are God's creatures. I assure you of my prayers that this effort may benefit all. Let us be God's love to all we meet. God bless you. M.Teresa MC."



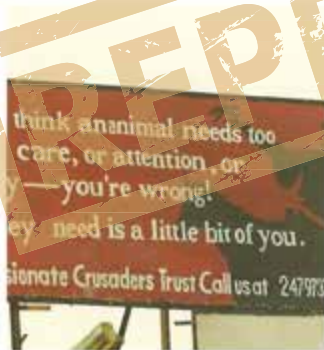
# Twenty Years' Journey







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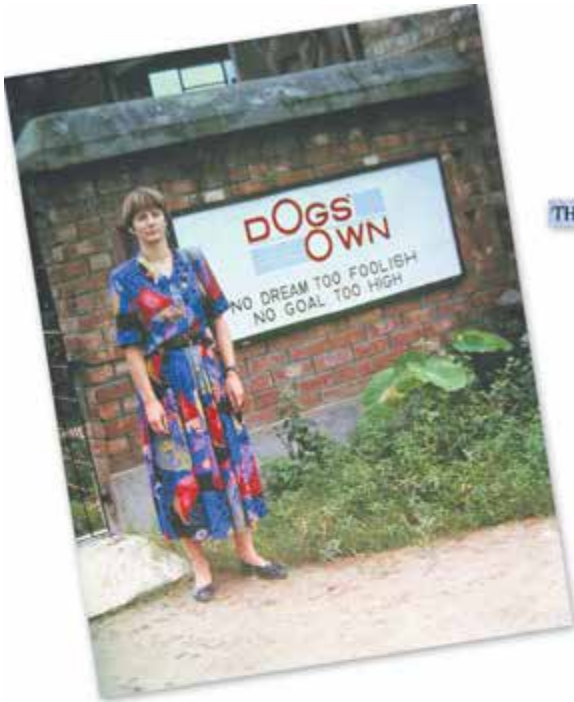
# Early Days



Sibelius famously remarked to his fellow composer Bengt von Törne: "Never pay any attention to what critics say. Remember, a statue has never been set up in honor of a critic!"



# Early Days



THE STATESMAN, WEDNESDAY JANUARY 1, 1997

### UNWANTED DOGS

Sir, — Old age homes for humans have become common because our utilitarian attitudes encourage people to despatch their "inconvenient" parents elsewhere.

Yet the pitiful sight of lost and frightened dogs abandoned by uncaring owners frequently troubles sensitive people in Calcutta. That is why the concept of "Dog's Own" received such widespread, instant response. Mr Debasis Chakrabarti started by giving shelter to abandoned dogs here. The reports brought a representative of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (U.K.) in September 93, RSPCA recognition to the Compassionate Crusaders Trust (inspired by RSPCA, which formalizes and continues the work) was immediate, but they hesitated to give recognition because Debasis refused to accept a clause which called for the euthanasia of unwanted, but healthy dogs. His stand was that to accept such a policy was both unethical and dangerous. He feared that it would open a floodgate of callous and rampant slaughter, reminiscent of the holocaust.

Your news item vindicated his stand. Reading that three quarters of a million unwanted pets are killed in Tokyo each year, I am not surprised that Japan has the dreadful distinction of having the world's highest rates of suicide, hypertension and juvenile ulcers.

It reminds one of the adage that while it is good to have money and the things that money can buy, it is also a good thing to check up once in a while that we haven't lost the things money can't buy! — Yours, etc., PURNIMA L. TOOLSIDASS, Calcutta, December 28.

THE STATESMAN MONDAY, JUNE 24 1991  
**Calcutta Notebook**

### "Dogs' Own"

WHEN human beings grow old and useless, they are sent to old age homes which are more often than not means to shrug off responsibility towards the previous generation. A unique and compassionate extension to this concept has been provided by Debashish Chakrabarty. A lover of dogs he has started a retirement home for dogs near Dum Dum airport.

Doubtless all dog-lovers of the city will welcome "Dogs' Own", especially since a lot of dog-owners, in spite of their love for pets, are unable to provide shelter and adequate medical facilities when dogs fall ill or grow old, mainly due to financial and other constraints. Consequently, these dogs are put to sleep, or they die of neglect. Keeping this in mind, Debashish, with the help of an industrialist, provides treatment at Ganganagar.

There are no arrangements in Calcutta for the burial of pet dogs. This has given rise to the unhygienic practice of people dumping their deceased pets either in the local garbage heap or in the Hooghly. "Dogs' Own" has burial facilities and the owner can arrange to have his pet buried with an epitaph of his choice. Owners in need of "Dogs' Own" can contact Debashish Chakrabarty at 1/13 A, Olai Chandl Road, Calcutta-37 (Phone: 56-7149). We wish Debashish all the best.

  
**Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**  
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Mr Debasis Chakrabarti  
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21 October 1991

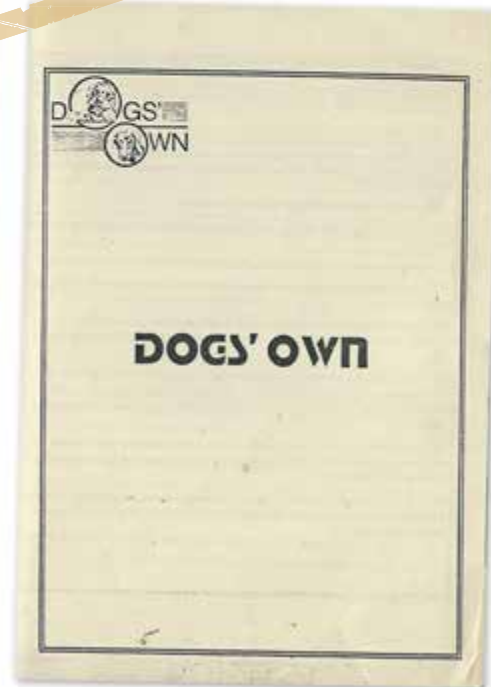
Dear Mr Chakrabarti,

I was pleased to have the opportunity to visit Dogs Own when I was in Calcutta last month. Thank you very much for sending me the photograph via Mrs Toolisidass.

The work you are doing with sick and unwanted animals is almost unique in Calcutta. I am sorry that this should be so uncommon but I am glad to know of your interest. I wish you best of luck with this important work.

Yours sincerely  
*Jennifer Butt*  
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The world owes all its onward impulse to men ill at ease. The happy man inevitably confines himself within ancient limits. ~ Nathaniel Hawthorne



# Republic Day Parade



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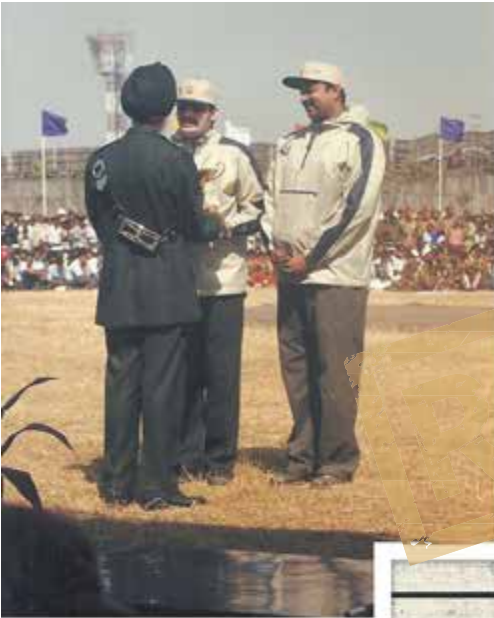
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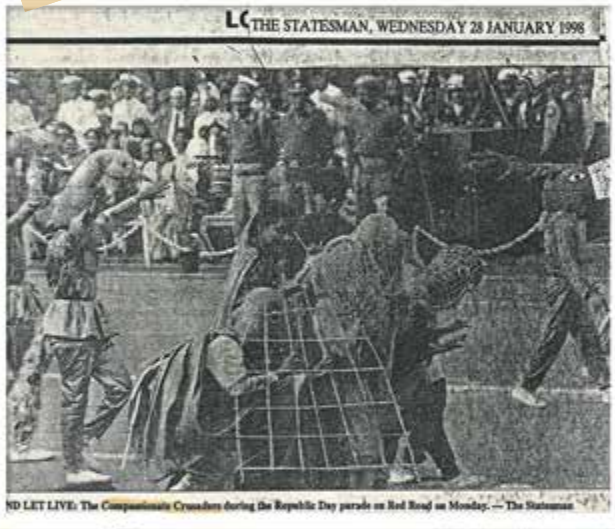
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# Republic Day Parade

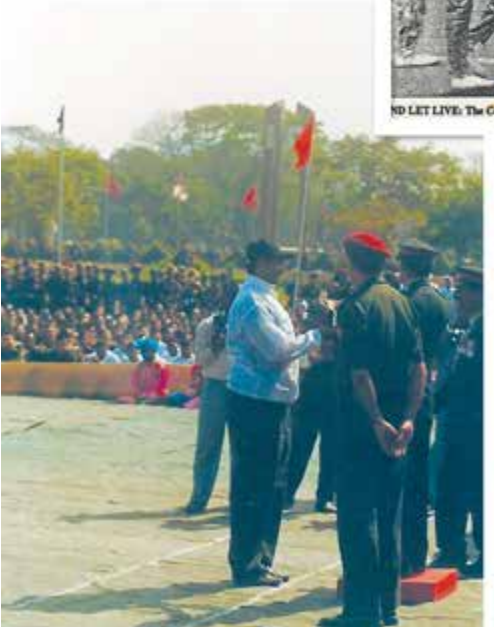


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Mobile animal-care units' ▼ contingent- 2000





# "human first, animal can wait!"?

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The Times of India, Kolkata • Monday, August 01, 2011

## CITY LIGHTS

### Compassion is the key

Compassionate Crusaders Trust (CCT), an organization that works for animal welfare in the city, hosted a team of four students from the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine. They worked for a couple of months on a project at CCT's animal clinic to study on diseases that can be transmitted from animals to humans. The team collected fecal samples of dogs from CCT's animal shelter and from parts of Kolkata. The findings on the type of parasite eggs and proglottids will be documented. Finally, the data collected will be used to determine the prevalence of internal parasites in domestic animals in the city in order to assess zoonotic risk and potential impact of these parasites on animal as well as human health.

Photo : Students from Pennsylvania University attending a cat in Kolkata



## Communications from Alan M Kelly, Dean Emeritus, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine

Thank you for supporting the Penn Veterinary students Jamie Rettig, Shannon Kerrigan, Audrey Barker, and Kathryn Dalton. I support the above students in their projects on clinical care and research at your shelter and affiliated clinic for the months of June and July, 2011. The data that they collect will be used by the students to determine the prevalence of internal parasites in the domestic animal population of Kolkata in order to assess the zoonotic risk and potential impact of these parasites on animal and human health. (Excerpts)



An education isn't how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you do know and what you don't. ~ Anatole France



## Sulabh International : Humane effort in Sunderbans

### Tiger widows of some Sunderbans villages will be adopted by Sulabh International

TNN • Jan 20, 2018 • Kamalendu Bhadra

KOLKATA: Tiger widows of some Sunderbans villages will be adopted by Sulabh International, an organization that supports more than a thousand widows in Vrindavan and Benaras. They will be given vocational training and provided assistance for self-employment. The purpose, according to Sulabh which is now conducting a survey across three Sunderbans villages to identify the beneficiaries, is to help them lead a life of dignity. Women who have lost their husbands in tiger attacks are referred 'tiger widows'.



The edge of the forest are inhabited by tiger widows. Birinchibari and Hiranmoypur of Jharkhali, Satjelia, Kumirmari and Nafarganj are a few among them. Sulabh Foundation has been taking care of around 1000 widows residing in five widow ashrams of Vrindavan, and a couple of ashrams in Varanasi. Women widowed in the Kedarnath water disaster of 2013 are being given vocational training and monetary assistance.

On Friday, around 70 widows from Nabadwip, Vrindavan,

Varanasi, Uttarahand and Sunderbans attended a seminar on 'Emancipation and Empowerment of Widows' organised by the newly-formed Raja Rammohan Roy and Pandit Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar Foundation in Kolkata.

Subarna Sarkar, 65, a tiger widow from Hiranmoypur village in Jharkhali was among them. She lost her husband Jogesh 15 years ago. Jogesh was killed by a tiger while he went inside the forest to catch crabs. The childless woman lives with her nephew and has been struggling to survive.

"We are doing field work in villages of Sunderbans to identify tiger widows. They will be provided some kind of self-employment and a life of dignity," said Bindeshwa.



The best thing to hold onto in life is each other. ~ Audrey Hepburn



## 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





# SPCA - Hong Kong

## Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Hong Kong

Fifty years ago Hong Kong was like many poorer cities with open-fronted shops selling meat or groceries next to dirty repair garages for cars, and we had very few laws to cover hygiene and health. The hills were covered with thousands of self-built huts and even some underground passages where refugees from China lived in metal cages. My husband was in the army and so many of the army wives helped with relief for the poor and disadvantaged as well as giving English lessons to the local people.

To guard their possessions the squatters in the hills would breed huge dogs which slept in their huts at night and were tied up inside when they went to work. Quite often the dogs escaped and came down the hills, many to roam around the railway lines in Kowloon.

Mrs Lenore Winfield was a Committee Member of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and that is when she recruited me (a reluctant volunteer at the time) to go around these open-fronted butchers shops and ask for bones with a little meat on for these animals. We scraped the meat, put it into newspaper parcels and went to the fields where the dogs were gathered near the railway lines. She then would call out

“Boys, Boys” – I would fling the parcels as far as I could and run for my life.

That was in 1963 and I have been a volunteer for the Society ever since, during which time I have served on the Executive Committee, been the last President of British rule and the first of Chinese Rule and a Trustee for the last 20 years. I am now 85 and there is still plenty of useful work that I can do and expect to do for many years to come.

~ Pamela D. Barton



- 1 Prevention of cruelty to animals
- 2. & 3 Dogs awaiting adoption
- 4 Cats awaiting adoption
- 5 Mobile animal care unit





## Team CCT

The Telegraph, Calcutta, India  
Thursday, June 03, 2004

APU BANDOPADHYAY

### Designed to drive home the point

From decrying open slaughter of animals and ferrying of poultry birds in appalling conditions, to a tableau showcasing the power of e-governance, graphic artist Apu Bandopadhyay's thrilling exploration of new frontiers is boundless. So the state pollution control board (PCB) green-lighting his anti-pollution visuals for posters and badges on World Environment Day have got him all excited.

With an artist father Dilip Banerjee from the Government Art College and London Slade School, the 33-year-old graphic designer grew up with the waft of linseed and turpentine oil alongside the palette and the paintbrush at home. "However, he never really taught me anything hands-on, and I have never had any formal training," Apu declares.

The creative urge from his schooldays at Taki House was stoked further when he discovered the genius of Satyajit Ray as a graphic artist. Inspired by the master's sketches, he got involved in designing brochures and awareness stickers for animal welfare NGO Compassionate Crusaders' Trust (CCT) with themes like sterilisation of stray dogs and anti-urban zoo campaign. Visual campaigns for pesticide units in regional publications to raise awareness in rural belts proceeded alongside.

July 17, 2001 was a turning point when Governor Viren J. Shah inaugurated the website animalcrusader.org, designed and evolved by Apu. "Today, it is among the top 10 Google sites in terms of hits registered," he proclaims. The portal traces the growth of CCT highlighting programmes like the rabies-control initiative besides fact sheets on the animal shelter Karuna Kunj.

Apu's poster design for the PCB's World Environment Day campaign focuses on vehicular pollution and depicts a child trapped in a choking traffic snarl at a congested junction, with noxious fumes fading the visage colour. The message in Bengali says: "Let us take an oath to bring colour back into the child's life."

Among other treasured milestones are the floats he designed for the Republic Day parade for CCT on the law against performing animals in 1999 and for Webel in 2001 on e-governance.

"I would love to make an animation film using the old and livelier Disney technique," says Apu.

THE TELEGRAPH THURSDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2001

### CALCUTTAN OF THE WEEK



### Saviour of the furred & feathered

FROM A cat stranded on a hot tin roof to a crane perched perilously on a telephone wire. From an owl stuck in the crevice of a highrise window to a duck leashed to a lamppost — rescuing animals and birds in distress has always been his pet passion, so much so, that he has even chucked a corporate job to do what he loves.

For Sumantra Roy, a 28-year-old commerce graduate, playing saviour to animals and birds in distress has been a way of life from his school days. Today, a volunteer with Compassionate Crusaders Trust, Sumantra gets to do what he always wanted.

"Animals are mute and helpless creatures and when they get trapped in some tight corner or are distressed, they need a human hand. From childhood, I have had a way with these hapless things and from as far back as I can remember, friends and acquaintances used to invariably call me whenever a dog or a cat had to be rescued," says Sumantra, who was chastised by his mother and elder sister for "whiling away" his time with animals.



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## Our Homage

Rustomji Homusji Mody  
17 January 1918 ~ 16 May 2014



Vinod Kumar Neotia  
1 October 1939 ~ 1 December 2009



Viren J. Shah  
12 May 1926 ~ 9 March 2013



**TO LIVE IN  
HEARTS WE  
LEAVE BEHIND  
IS NOT TO DIE**



Altamas Kabir  
19 July 1948 ~ 19 February 2017



Sarla Birla  
23 November 1923 ~ 28 March 2015



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is 13 yrs old, an ardent animal lover, plays cricket/ football and any other game that you can name, loves to swim and a self declared foodie

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### Mr. Koustuv Bandyopadhyay

Apu is one of the most active compassionate crusaders. He is a multi talented creative person.



### Mrs. Archana (Ruchi) Kohli

Maryland, USA

is a silent witness and activist doing what Gandhi ji says to act in non-violent ways to bring peace and harmony in ending the suffering of those who become victims because of our ignorant or questionable ways.

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Born an only child to her parents, apparently she was slow as a child and was diagnosed as being retarded, when younger she believed this diagnosis, because her parents believed it and though they loved and cared for her but there was also an element of shame, because she wasn't the same as other people. Now, at the age of 75 years she says "There is nothing wrong with me, I read and write, drive a car and my motto is: enjoy the simple things in life and be content with what you have, rather than pining for what you haven't." She plays piano, organ, sings and plays in three different bands in her hometown.



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**Dr. Manu Chandaria**, OBE CBS EBS Chairman - Chandaria Foundation, Kenya Patron of the Compassionate Crusaders Trust. He has been leading the Comcraft Group of Companies, as the Chairman and CEO. He is also Kenya's biggest philanthropist. Under his compassionate leadership as Chairman, the Chandaria Foundation is active in over seven countries in supporting education, health and arts. He holds the title of the Elder of the Burning Spear, one of Kenya's highest civilian honors. He was made an OBE (Order of the British Empire) in New Year Honours List 2003.



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POND HERON  
with breeding  
plumage

Picture Courtesy :  
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CRESTED NIGHT  
HERON

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as he may very well be an angel in disguise ~ Ruchi Kohli (USA)

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