



# Cattle Respect Programme India Annual Report 2015

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## **Animal Shandies :**

The visiting of Animal Shandies in 2015 was delayed because of the Emergency Rescues in the Simhachalam Temple areas because of the auspicious months and dealing with the high summer temperatures because of a big part of the green vegetation disappeared due to the cyclonic affect. Incidentally this year our region recorded the highest number of deaths due to extreme summer in the whole of the country.

However, we have greatly intensified our efforts with more co-ordination and better co-operation from the Police Department and Animal Husbandry Department. We have carried out and expanded visits to cover the entire District of Visakhapatnam and it was noticed that there are 10 Animal Shandies which are recognized by the Government that has licensed Animal Shandies (see below for more details).

We have continued to provide extensive Awareness Programmes, meeting the concerned officials, holding meetings with the drivers of vehicles and submitting correspondences with the higher officials. We have been confronted with serious incidences of aggressive behaviour from the middle men, but for us this is a sign of frustration because we are able to correct them with the rules.

### **Model of Animal Shandies at Jogumpet, Narsipatnam, Visakhapatnam :**

On interaction with The Honorable Minister for Panchayat Raj, Mr. Ayyana Patrudu and on petitioning with regard to the difficulties faced in the Shandies and immense cruelties, he agreed to help develop one **Animal Shandy at Jogumpeta, Narsipatnam Mandal, Visakhapatnam District**, with all the necessary infrastructure required to be in the Animal Shandy. This will begin as soon as the amount is credited for the project. The Management of the Animal Shandy will be run by the Committee in which we will be involved. Based on this we are going to continue to provide the same for all Animal Shandies in the District as well in the entire State.

### **Formation of Animal Shandies Committee in every District :**

Under the serious instruction from the Andhra Pradesh Government based upon the Chief Justice, Andhra Pradesh High Court regarding the Pithapuram, Rajhundry, East Godavari District, Animal Shandy cruelty case suitable committees particularly of the Animal Shandies improvement needs to be formed and all rules followed. Therefore, our efforts will help the situation further and we are moving in the right direction. We propose to submit a report to the Government of AP and the Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh once the construction is completed to take up the matter. We are happy that the things are moving speedily.

### **Relevant Saving of Cattle from Illegal Transportations and Slaughter Houses :**

Even though we are very hard pressed to accommodate any more cattle because of the lack of sheds and the financial constraints to look after the hundreds of animals for life time we continue to get involved, rescue and rehabilitate from difficult situations this year. Due to awareness among the police and the citizens there has been an increase in seizures of cattle from Illegal Transportation and Slaughter Houses. The consequences of rescuing these animals has put a lot of burden on our shoulders because we struggle to get enough funds to look after all of them and actions are severely restricted though we could do much more. Hence, it is necessary that the Cattle Respect Programme India should invariably at this stage develop animal shandies to really make an effective implementation at the earliest and also to boost the morale of the Monitoring Authorities.

### **The Simhachalam Temple Issue :**

This year due to our continues efforts by means of awareness and also by stronger representations the receiving of Male Calves have fallen drastically to 1,697 Male Calves when compared to 15,000 calves during the earlier years and down to 4000 in 2014. This has been very encouraging performance by the VSPCA team. The Male Calves that are days old are with our shelter where as the rest we are sending for adoptions to the Araku, Tribal areas. Where strict monitoring is being done. We gradually propose to take this forward and ultimately stop any male calves to the temple. This has been our effort over so many years and we hope to achieve full success in coming months and to complete the process.

Sl.No	Shandies Visit May 2015 - Nov 2015	Police Cases	Simhachalam Male Calves Adoptions
1	13 Shandies Visit	5	Received - 1976 Given to Adoption 1384 Shelter - 592

