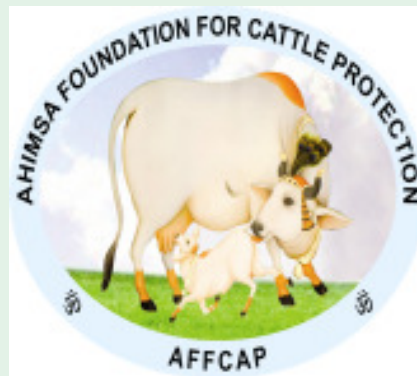


# Ahimsa Foundation for Cattle Protection



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# MOTHER COW OR CASH COW

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India is now the largest exporter of meat in the world<sup>1</sup> and similarly ranks first for the production of leather.<sup>2</sup> Yet, India has the lowest rate of meat consumption in the world<sup>3</sup> due to the high percentage of lacto vegetarians.

Additionally, it is the world's largest producer of dairy products by volume, accounting for more than 13% of the world's total milk production, while possessing the planet's largest dairy herd.<sup>4</sup> Demand for dairy is growing annually due to India's burgeoning middle class.<sup>5</sup>

This results in a clash between India's Vedic tradition and economic opportunity. The mushrooming demand for dairy products is morphing mother cow into a cash cow.

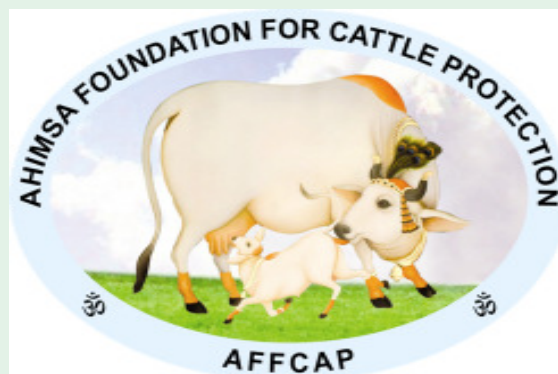
The conditions of transporting cows to their death are horrid. Nine hundred animals have been transported in rail cars designed to hold 80, and trucks are crammed with 70 animals when legally allowed to contain four.<sup>6</sup> In order to jam so many into so little space, they are tied and beaten. This has resulted in up to 50% of the animals arriving dead.<sup>7</sup> Without doubt, the system is greased via graft and gratuity.

The situation is indeed grave as fluid milk, growing at 10.2% per year,<sup>8</sup> fuels the growth of the nation's milk herd. The result is that the market price of milk does not allow dairy herds to be protected in accordance with traditional values.

The outcome is abandoned cows languishing on India's streets eating garbage while clogging their stomachs with plastic bags. Partial responsibility for this situation rests with those who consume milk. Cows need to be impregnated in order to produce milk, resulting in an increased cow population, which is being exploited by the ruthless and immoral slaughterhouse industry.

Many of the country's goshalas — in order to stay profitable — cull bull calves and unproductive animals. Their choice is primarily limited to either the street or slaughterhouse, leaving the cows a bleak future of subsisting on garbage or to expire on the killing floor. This is the result of allowing economics to rule the day. Milk consumers must understand that their diet demands taking greater responsibility in supporting our milk-providers.

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami comments that animals are never meant to be killed. "Killing of animals is a symptom of barbarian society. For a human being, agricultural produce, fruits



and milk are sufficient and compatible foodstuffs. The human society should give more attention to animal protection.”<sup>9</sup> “Fatty foods... have no connection with animal fat obtained by slaughter. Animal fat is available in the form of milk, which is the most wonderful of all foods. Milk, butter, cheese and similar products give animal fat in a form which rules out any need for the killing of innocent creatures. It is only through brute mentality that this killing goes on. The civilized method of obtaining needed fat is by milk. Slaughter is the way of subhumans.”<sup>10</sup>

One devotee organization, devoted to fulfilling Srila Prabhupada's instructions, and dedicated to protecting cows, is the *Ahimsa Foundation for Cattle Protection* ([www.affcap.org](http://www.affcap.org)). This organization has goshalas ear tag their animals with the relevant information recorded in a database. In this manner, the animals are tracked throughout their life and cannot be abandoned or sold without detection. To our knowledge, the AFFCAP certification program is unique in the world.

In order to be certified, goshalas pledge to follow the AFFCAP *Standard of Cow Protection* which defines a minimum standard of *gau-rakshya* care. This ensures that protected animals are provided a uniform level of feed, exercise and shelter.

Recently, the *International Society for Krishna Consciousness* (ISKCON) has shown their commitment to cow protection by deputing AFFCAP to certify their cow protection facilities throughout India. ISKCON centers in Jaipur, Vrindavan, Kanpur, Mayapur, Tirupati and Ahmedabad, to name a few, have now completed or initiated the process of certification.

However, AFFCAP is not monopolized to ISKCON. Non-ISKCON goshalas in the Nagaur district, Makrana, and Jaipur area have also understood the importance of banding together to a common standard of protection and care.

In addition, programs will be implemented which include the feeding of cows; local medical camps to improve health care for both goshalas and abandoned street cows; training in vermicomposting and marketing; development of *gosadhans* (cow retirement homes); and funding of capital projects such as well borings, ox-powered rural electrification, fencing and sheds.

In order to broaden its appeal, AFFCAP has begun a membership program allowing those interested in cow protection to help shoulder the burden. This reduces fees resulting in greater goshala participation. The only hope is if we band together to alleviate the forces behind cow slaughter.

His Divine Grace instructs: “Ample food grains can be produced through agricultural enterprises, and profuse supplies of milk, yogurt and ghee can be arranged through cow protection. Abundant honey can be obtained if the forests are protected. Unfortunately, in modern civilization, men are busy killing the cows that are the source of yogurt, milk and ghee, they are cutting down all the trees that supply honey, and they are opening factories to manufacture nuts, bolts, automobiles and wine instead of engaging in agriculture. How can the people be happy? They must suffer from all the misery of materialism. ... This is not human civilization. If people actually want happiness in this life and want to prepare for the best in the next life, they must adopt a Vedic civilization. In a Vedic civilization, there is a full supply of all the necessities mentioned above.”<sup>11</sup>

The requirement now is to give practical meaning to Srila Prabhupada’s words. Please give your support to AFFCAP, and its associated goshalas, as viable instruments in re-establishing Vedic cow protection and pleasing Srila Prabhupada.<sup>12</sup>

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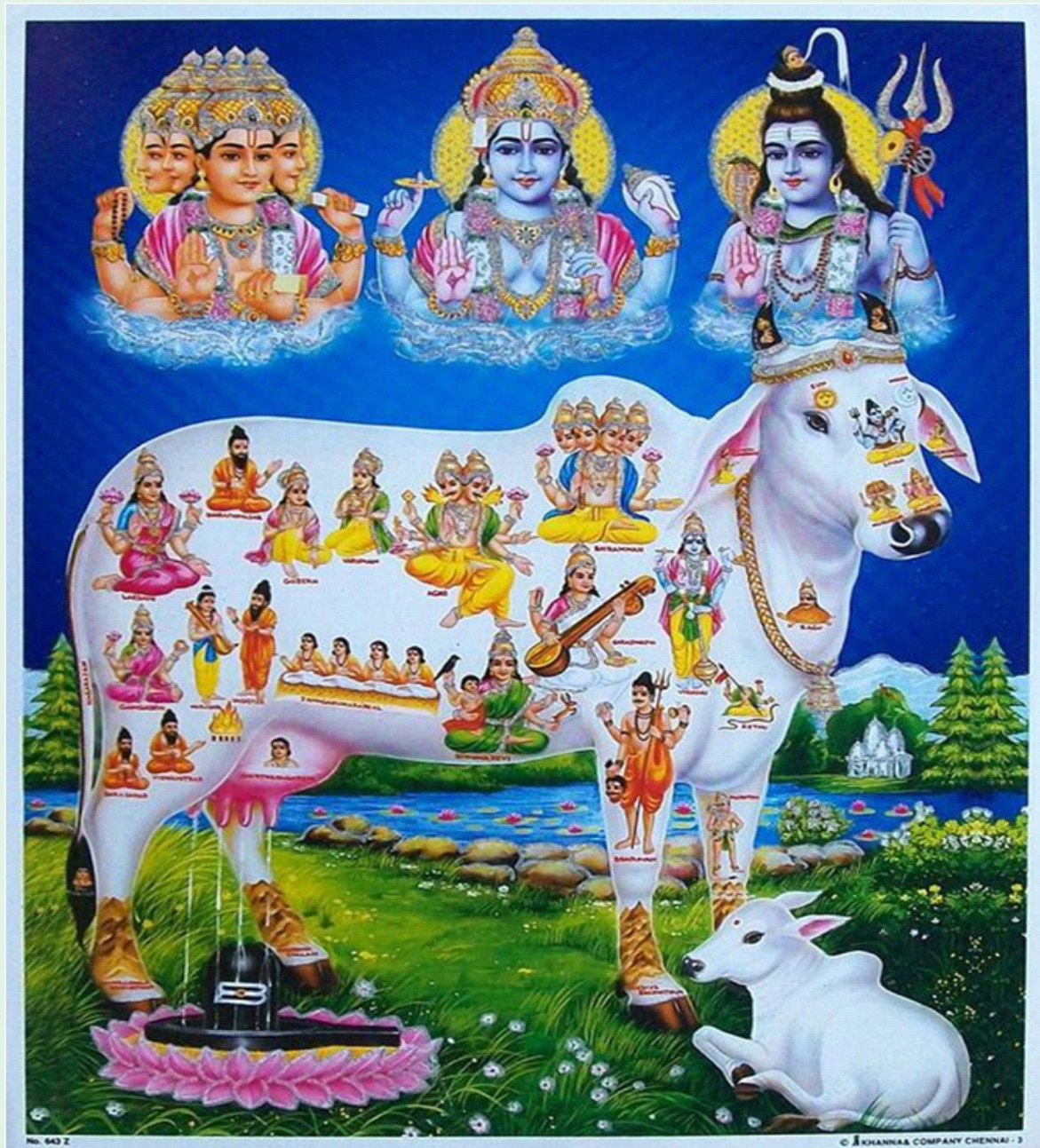
# PICTURE PERFECT



# Story Why Cow Killing Started in India

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<http://savemothercow.com/story-why-cow-killing-started-in-india/>



Those were the times when India was at the peak of Mughal Rule. The rulers of a large part of India were Muslims and guess what; they had banned Cow Slaughter in that Mughal Empire. Nobody dared to kill cows and eat beef during the Muslim Empire.

## The Mughal Empire and Cow

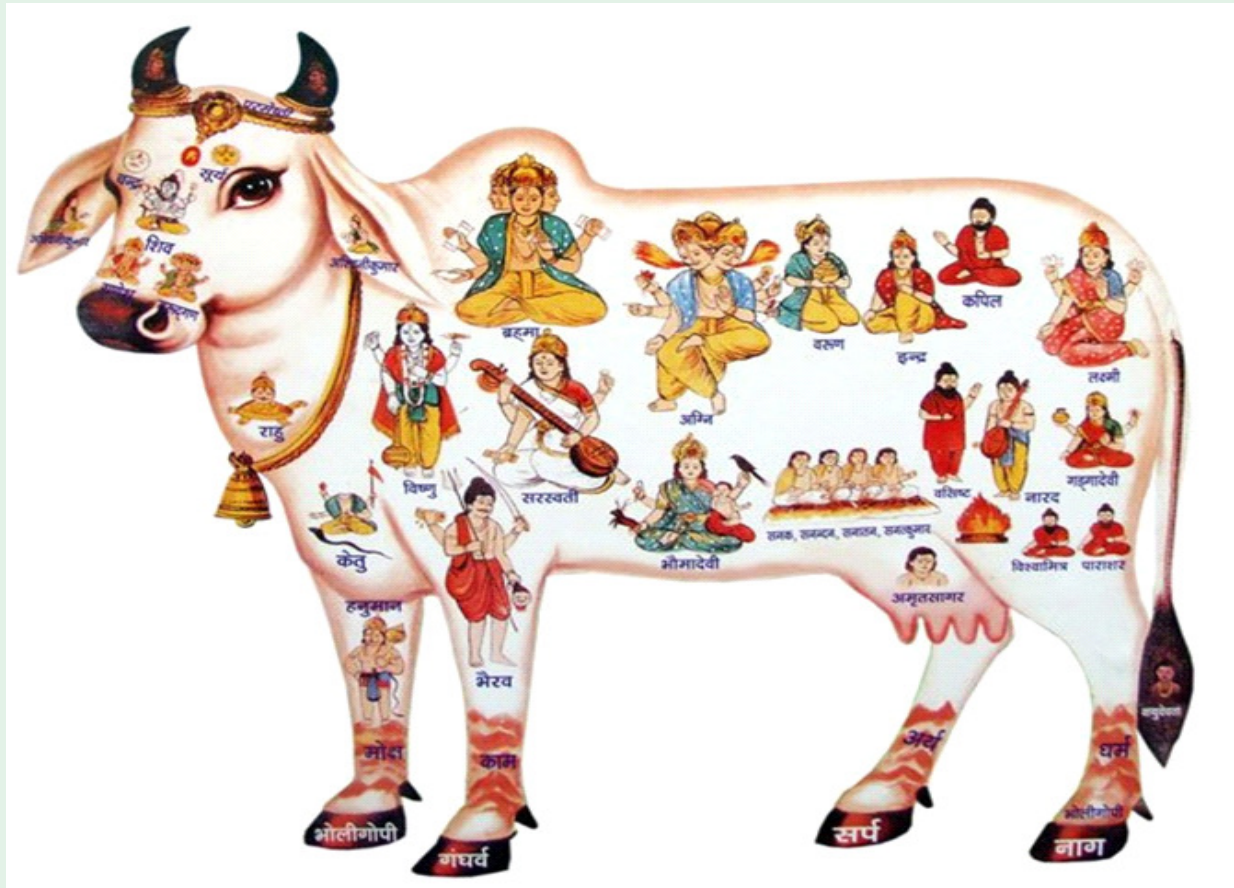
Babur, who invaded India all the way from Kabul and established the Mughal Empire in India, despite being an orthodox Muslim had banned Cow Slaughter in his empire. All successive Mughal Emperors had banned Cow Slaughter in their kingdoms. Hyder Ali and Tippu Sultan who ruled the Mysore State in the present day Karnataka had made cow

slaughter and beef eating a punishable offence and the crime would be punished by cutting off the hands of the person who committed the crime!

Today in India we have over 36000 slaughterhouses! How did this massive turn around take place?

### Cow and The Hindu Civilization

Cows are the most sacred animals to the Hindus and this is not without any reason. In fact



the very word Cow in English is derived from the Sanskrit word Gau for Cow

### Hindus believe that all Gods and Goddesses live inside a Cow

One of the most important reasons is that cows have been the backbones of Indian families and the Indian agricultural system ever since the dawn of human civilization. Without Cow the Indian agriculture in those days was as good as gone, and this was one of the prime reasons why Hindus being nature worshippers also worshipped Cow.

There was no industrial revolution, no artificial fertilizers, no chemical pesticides and insecticides. The entire Indian agriculture was based on the nature's best fertilizer – Cow dung, and one of the nature's best pesticide – Cow's urine (along with the neem based solutions) were used extensively in the agriculture. Buttermilk again which is a derivative of Cow's milk was used as an effective fungicide and weedicide.

## British Rule and Slaughterhouses

Both Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Nehru had declared before Independence that they would ban Cow slaughter in India after Independence. Obviously they didn't impose it.



Why? Thanks to Robert Clive who had converted the Indian Muslims (who never ate beef till the end of Mughal era) into believing that beef eating was their religious right. Cow slaughter had become a vote bank issue. How? Read below.

Robert Clive The so called Founder of the British Empire in India who was twice the Governor of Bengal too – on entering India was astonished and amazed to see the success of the agricultural system here. He went on researching the reasons for the success of the Indian agriculture and discovered the root – The Holy Indian Cow. The entire Hindu life style revolved around this animal, not just religiously, but socially. Cow was an integral part of a Hindu family as was any other human member in the family. He even found that in many places the total number of cattle was more than the number of humans living there.

OK, so he decided, to break the backbone of agriculture in India – the holy cows have to be targeted. And thus was opened the first slaughterhouse of cows in India in 1760 by Robert Clive at Kolkata. It had a capacity to kill 30,000 cows per day.

And anyone can guess within a year's time how many cows would have been killed. And within a century India had very little cattle left to sustain its agricultural needs. And Britain as an alternative started offering artificial manure, and in this manner urea, phosphate etc started getting imported from England. Indian agriculture had started becoming dependent on west invented artificial products and was forced to give up home grown natural practices.

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Now the British had hit two birds with a single stone by this move. The first was to break the backbone of the Indian agriculture i.e. making cattle not available for agriculture. And the second – to start people in India consume Cow.

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British. So what did they do? Well, they hired Muslims as butchers and this was done in almost every slaughterhouse they opened. And this slowly pushed the Muslims into believing that beef eating was their religious right.

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What the Mughal Empire had banned was now turned into a practice by the British Empire. What Babur and Akbar termed as a crime was converted into a norm by Robert Clive. And today the soil of India is filled with artificial fertilizers and pesticides while the holy Cow cries in the slaughterhouses. While there were over 70 breeds of cows in the country at the time of independence, today we have only 33 and even among them many breeds are facing extinction.

You can support saving Cows by saying no to cow meat and many products that come from killing cows. It is a crucial step in saving environment and agriculture in our country. Moreover, it isn't about saving cows merely but about saving ourselves. Save Cows Save Humanity.

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namo brahmaṇya-devāya  
go-brāhmaṇa-hitāya ca  
jagad-dhitāya kṛṣṇāya  
govindāya namo namaḥ

"My Lord, You are the well-wisher of the cows and the brāhmaṇas, and You are the well-wisher of the entire human society and world." (Viṣṇu Purāṇa 1.19.65) The purport is that special mention is given in that prayer for the protection of the cows and the brāhmaṇas. Brāhmaṇas are the symbol of spiritual education, and cows are the symbol of the most valuable food; these two living creatures, the brāhmaṇas and the cows, must be given all protection—that is real advancement of civilization. In modern human society, spiritual knowledge is neglected, and cow killing is encouraged. It is to be understood, then, that human society is advancing in the wrong direction and is clearing the path to its own condemnation. A civilization which guides the citizens to become animals in their next lives is certainly not a human civilization. The present human civilization is, of course, grossly misled by the modes of passion and ignorance. It is a very dangerous age, and all nations should take care to provide the easiest process, Kṛṣṇa consciousness, to save humanity from the greatest danger.



# JAI SHIV GAOSEVA SAMITI

KALWA, MAKRANA, RAJASTHAN

This gaushala is situated near the town of Makrana, the famous marble area. This gaushala has over 200 animals and the Jai Shiv Gaoseva Samiti is run by a committee with Mr. Narpat Singh being a prominent member and our contact at the gaushala. He has been very helpful in putting us in contact with other gaushalas.



This last winter the Jai Shv Gaoseva Samiti took on an extra burden of approximately 100 abandoned cows. This act of kindness has placed pressure on feeding the 200 animal herd -- as the feed for the original herd has simply been divided amongst the larger herd. If you would like to help out Mr. Singh in this noble effort, please contact him directly at:

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