



सावित्रीबाई फुले पुणे विद्यापीठ

(पूर्वीचे पुणे विद्यापीठ)

विद्यार्थी विकास मंडळ

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प्रति,

मा. प्राचार्य/संचालक/विभागप्रमुख,
सावित्रीबाई फुले पुणे विद्यापीठाशी संलग्नित
सर्व महाविद्यालये व मान्यताप्राप्त परिसंस्था,
विद्यापीठ परिसरातील सर्व शैक्षणिक विभाग, पुणे.

विषय : 'Animal Welfare Societies' स्थापन करणेबाबत...

संदर्भ क्र : D O No. 2-17/2025(CPP-II)(C.162595) Dated 13th June, 2025

No.RB/Edn.1/Gen-2025/700 Dated 18th August 2025

महोदय/महोदया,

उपरोक्त संदर्भीय पत्रांस अनुसरून आपणांस कळविण्यात येते की, Animal Welfare Societies स्थापन करणेबाबत विद्यापीठ अनुदान आयोग आणि सचिव, राज्यपाल कार्यालय, राजभवन मुंबई यांनी सूचित केले आहे. या संबंधित सविस्तर पत्र आपल्या माहितीसाठी व उचित कार्यवाहीसाठी सोबत जोडले आहे.

विद्यापीठ अनुदान आयोग आणि सचिव, राज्यपाल कार्यालय, राजभवन मुंबई यांच्या निर्देशानुसार आपल्या महाविद्यालये/मान्यताप्राप्त परिसंस्था/विभागांमध्ये Animal Welfare Societies स्थापन करणेबाबत आपण आपल्या स्तरावर योग्य ती कार्यवाही करावी.

कळावे, ही विनंती.

सोबत : वरीलप्रमाणे.

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18th August 2025

To,

All Vice Chancellors of State Universities.

Subject : Forwarding representation dated 01.08.2025 received from Shri Nikunj Sharma in regards to support formation of Animal Welfare Societies in Colleges.

Respected Sir/Madam,

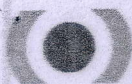
Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the letter dated 01.08.2025, received from Shri Nikunj Sharma, Chief Executive Officer, MERCY FOR ANIMALS, on the subject mentioned above, for appropriate action.

With regards.

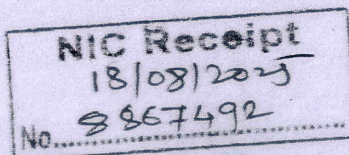
Yours sincerely,

(Vikas Kulkarni)

I/c.Under Secretary to the Governor (Edn)



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01.08.2025

Shri C.P. Radhakrishnan
Honourable Governor of Maharashtra
Raj Bhavan, Walkeshwar Road, Malabar Hill, Mumbai, 400035

Subject: Request to Support Formation of Animal Welfare Societies in Colleges

Respected Sir,

Greetings. I write to you on behalf of **Mercy For Animals India Foundation**, a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending the greatest cause of suffering on the planet: the exploitation of animals for food. Through public education, research, and institutional outreach, we work to create a just and sustainable food system by advancing compassionate food choices and strengthening protections for animals.

We wish to bring to your attention a recent communication from the **Ministry of Education, Government of India**, dated 7 May 2025, encouraging all higher educational institutions to establish **Animal Welfare Societies** on their campuses. This initiative, supported by the **University Grants Commission (UGC)**, aims to instill values of empathy, civic engagement, and ethical leadership among students.

As the **Chancellor of State Universities**, your leadership can play a vital role in facilitating the successful implementation of this initiative. We respectfully request you to consider issuing an **advisory to universities and colleges** under your jurisdiction to encourage the formation of Animal Welfare Societies.

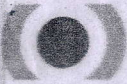
Mercy For Animals India Foundation has a dedicated outreach team that collaborates with educational institutions to set up and support youth-led animal welfare groups. We would be glad to assist colleges and universities in your state by providing the necessary tools, training, and resources to empower students to take informed and compassionate action.

We hope for your kind consideration and support in nurturing the values of compassion and responsibility among young citizens.

Should you need further support, I can be reached at NikunjS@mercyforanimals.org or +91 9013434611.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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With sincere regards,

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Nikunj Sharma

Chief Executive Officer

Enclosure:

Copy of Letter from Ministry of Education, Government of India, dated 7 May 2025.



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Prof. Manish R. Joshi
Secretary



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University Grants Commission
(शिक्षा मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार)
(Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)

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23 जून, 1947/ 13th June, 2025

आदरणीय महोदया/महोदय,

Subject: Establishing Animal Welfare Societies in Higher Educational Institutions – reg.

The Ministry of Education vide letter number 16-1/2022-U1A dated 7th May 2025 has issued a communication regarding the establishment of Animal Welfare Societies in Higher Education Institutions.

1. Under NEP 2020 one of the fundamental principles that will guide both the education system at large, as well as the individual institutions include ethics and human & Constitutional values like empathy, respect for others, cleanliness, courtesy, democratic spirit, spirit of service, respect for public property, scientific temper, liberty, responsibility, pluralism, equality, and justice. National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 recognizes the importance of social, emotional, and ethical learning as essential components of holistic education. It stresses that educational institutions should actively nurture values like empathy, compassion, cooperation, and a strong sense of responsibility among students.

2. NEP 2020 inter-alia endorses the value-based education including development of humanistic, ethical, Constitutional, and universal human values of truth (satya), righteous conduct (dharma), peace (shanti), love (prem), nonviolence (ahimsa), scientific temper, citizenship values, and also life-skills; lessons in seva/service and participation in community service programmes will be considered an integral part of a holistic education.

3. The Policy also emphasise that students are the prime stakeholders in the education system and vibrant campus life is essential for high-quality teaching-learning processes. Towards this end, students will be given plenty of opportunities for participation in sports, culture/arts clubs, eco-clubs, activity clubs, community service projects, etc.

4. In addition, it is relevant to be noted that Article 51A(g) of the Indian Constitution calls upon citizens to show compassion towards all living beings.

5. Animal welfare is an integral part of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption), SDG 13 (Climate Action), SDG 15 (Life on Land), and SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being).

6. In alignment with this vision, Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) may consider establishment of Animal Welfare Societies (AWS) in their institutions for protection and welfare of animals. Engaging young minds in animal welfare initiatives can significantly foster their personal growth, enhance their academic development, and contribute to their holistic education.

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7. An indicative list of activities that can be carried out by the AWSs are as under:

Awareness and Education:

Lectures, workshops, and film screenings on animal protection laws, environmental ethics, zoonotic diseases, and best practices in animal care.

Campus-Based Initiatives:

Creation of safe animal feeding areas, first-aid response teams for animals in distress, and partnerships with local veterinary hospitals or shelters.

Legal and Policy Literacy:

Study circles, legal aid camps, and public interest research on implementation of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and other applicable laws.

Sustainability Projects:

Promotion of campaigns against plastic use and animal exploitation on campus.

Community Outreach:

Conducting sensitisation workshops in institutions and neighbourhoods, especially in areas with frequent human-animal conflict. Innovation can be encouraged in this area.

Internships and Field Exposure:

Facilitate internships with district Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCAs), local veterinary hospitals, forest departments, or organisations involved in rescue and disaster management.

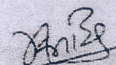
Research Fellowships or Capstone Projects:

Encourage final-year projects and dissertations on interdisciplinary themes such as animal protection law, zoonotic diseases, ethical consumerism, and urban wildlife ecology

In the light of the above, all Higher Education Institutions are requested to take appropriate action for setting up of Animal Welfare Societies on their campuses.

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सभी महाविद्यालयों के प्राचार्य।

