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# सावित्रीबाई फुले पुणे विद्यापीठ

(पूर्वीचे पुणे विद्यापीठ)



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प्रति,  
मा.प्राचार्य/संचालक,  
रासेयो संलग्नित सर्व महाविद्यालये परिसंस्था,  
पुणे, अहिल्यानगर व नाशिक जिल्हा,  
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महोदय,

वरिल संदर्भ क्र. १ व २ पत्रानुसार महाविद्यालयांमध्ये प्राणी कल्याणकारी संस्थांच्या स्थापनेला पाठिंबा देण्याबाबतचे सविस्तर पत्र आपल्या माहिती व उचित कार्यवाहीकरिता सोबत जोडले आहे. त्यानुसार आपण आपल्या स्तरावर उचित कार्यवाही करावी. कळावे, ही विनंती.

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सोबत: वरीलप्रमाणे



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

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Respected Sir/Madam,

Please find a copy of letter attached herewith on the subject mentioned above.

With regards,

Section Officer,

Raj Bhvan, Mumbai



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18<sup>th</sup> 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.

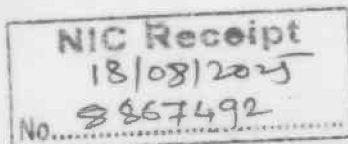
Yours sincerely,

  
(Vikas Kulkarni)

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



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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](mailto:NikunjS@mercyforanimals.org) or +91 9013434611.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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With sincere regards,

*Nikunj*

**Nikunj Sharma**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Enclosure:**

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



आचार्य मनिष र. जोशी  
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**Prof. Manish R. Joshi**  
Secretary



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विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग  
**University Grants Commission**  
(शिक्षा मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार)  
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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 7<sup>th</sup> 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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भवदीय,

  
(मनिष जोशी)

सेवा में,

सभी विश्वविद्यालयों के कुलपति।

सभी महाविद्यालयों के प्राचार्य।