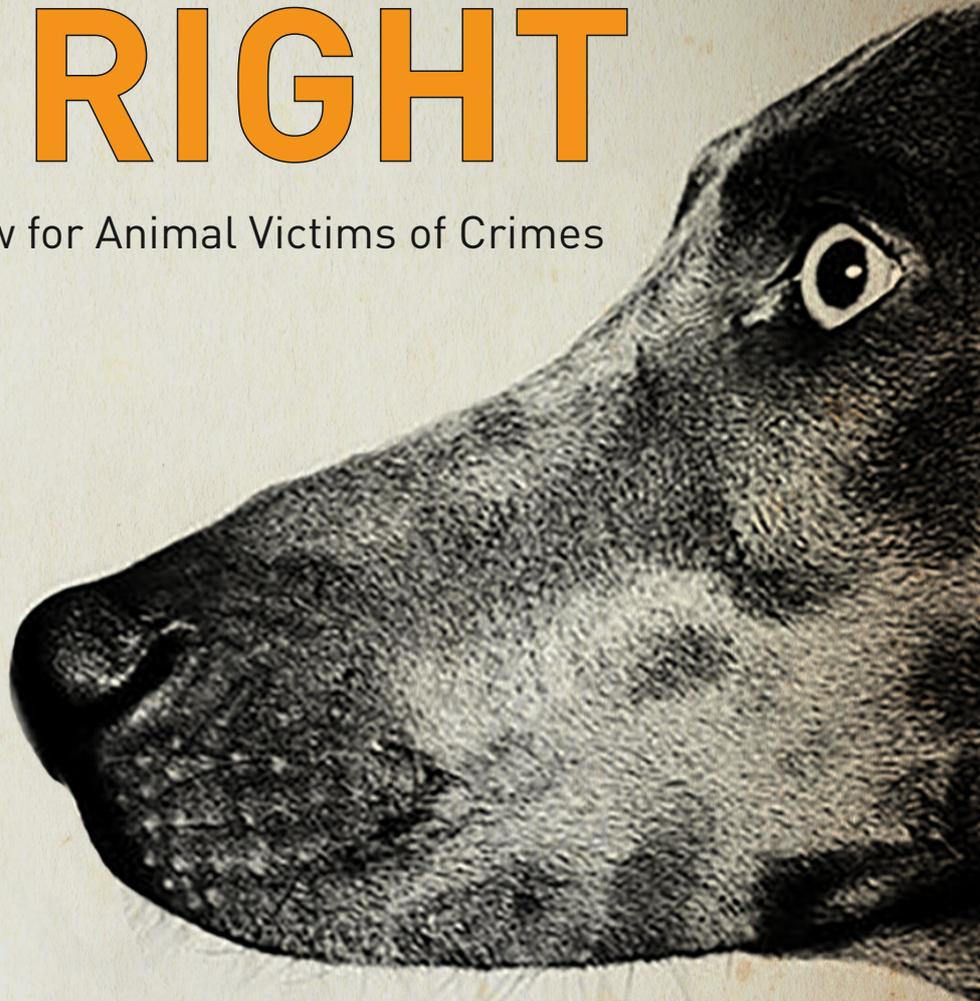


# IN THEIR OWN RIGHT

– Calling for Parity in Law for Animal Victims of Crimes



A CITIZENS' REPORT  
DEMANDING  
**RIGHTS FOR  
ANIMALS** IN INDIA

in collaboration with



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I have gone through the report documenting and analysing the crimes committed against animals during the period of 2010-2020 against the three main categories: companion, working and street animals. All the three chapters of this report are meticulously structured after an in-depth study and analysis of untold cruelty meted out to this species, blowing in the wind all natural human instincts. The caption of the report “In their own right” is a clear message to the humanity that animals have equal, if not superior, rights over human species.

Humans are violating even the constitutional rights guaranteed to the animals under Article 21, 51 (g), Article 48, Article 48 (A), etc. with impunity. Humans and animals are members of the same ecosystem and share space, time and resources like water, air, light, etc. None is superior to other. Face to face, animals are stronger than humans, though humans are superior in terms of intellect, but with their evil and iniquitous behaviour, humans subjugate animals to all sorts of miseries for their pleasure and convenience. This attitude of humans cannot be tolerated in a civilized society. I am sure this report will be an eye-opener, if humans have eyes and ears, and bring out proper legislative measures to which animals are entitled as a matter of right and not as charity.



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# Appendix 3

## 100 Cases of Violent Crimes of Assault Against Animals (FIAPO Investigation)

100 CASES OF VIOLENT CRIMES OF ASSAULT, TORTURE, SEXUAL ABUSE AND MURDER OF ANIMALS			
S. No.	Date	City/State	Case Description
<b>A. Assault by beating</b>			
1	26.10.2016	Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala	27 dogs beaten to death by angry mob after man dies from street dog attack at his residence. FIR registered against identified suspects, but residents formed human shield around accused to stop arrest, threaten protests. <sup>103</sup>
			
2	26.01.2017	Hyderabad, Telangana	Puppy beaten to death with bricks and sticks by a man named Rajeev Choudhary. FIR lodged under section 11 of PCA Act and for violation of IPC 429. <sup>104</sup>
			

<sup>103</sup> <https://www.thenewsminute.com/article/kerala-man-dies-stray-dog-attack-residents-beat-27-dogs-death-retaliation-52023>

<sup>104</sup> <https://pfahyd.org/animal-abuse-madhavarpuri-colony/>

S. No.	Date	City/State	Case Description
3	19.02.2019	Panchkula, Haryana	Street dog beaten to death, accused dumped the dog's mortal remains in some other locality, complaint lodged, police yet to take action. <sup>105</sup>
4	11.12.2019	Gujarat	Case under Section 429 IPC against five people for killing pet dog of a woman, by beating it with iron rods and knife. <sup>106</sup>
5	30.04.2020	Bhubaneswar, Orissa	Pregnant dog beaten to death by two women. <sup>107</sup>
<b>B. Throwing acid or boiling water or chemicals</b>			
6	31.08.2011	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Dog attacked by unknown person with some chemical or acid, suffered severe burns. Complaint filed u/ss 420, 421 IPC, s 11 PCA. Succumbed to injuries a week later. <sup>108</sup>
7	26.07.2014	Thrissur, Kerala	Acid thrown on calf, found with severe burns and maggot wounds, treated. <sup>109</sup>
			
8	07/08/16	Ahmedabad, Gujarat	7 year old dog was killed after man named Ketan Patel threw acid on it, who disliked the dog and often threatened to kill it either using acid or a vehicle. On July 28, he came with stock of acid and threw it on the sleeping dog, which suffered 50 per cent burns and succumbed to injuries. <sup>110</sup>

<sup>105</sup> <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chandigarh/stray-dog-beaten-to-death-cops-yet-to-take-action/articleshow/68054899.cms>

<sup>106</sup> <https://www.dawn.com/news/1463057>

<sup>107</sup> <https://www.telegraphindia.com/india/pregnant-dog-beaten-to-death-in-bhubaneswar/cid/1768865>

<sup>108</sup> <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbai/Lennon-the-dog-dies-of-burn-injuries/articleshow/9892048.cms>

<sup>109</sup> Social Media Post by PFA-Thrissur:

[https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\\_fbid=1521853318054002&id=1479152498990751](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=1521853318054002&id=1479152498990751)

<sup>110</sup> <https://ahmedabadmirror.indiatimes.com/ahmedabad/crime/Acid-attack-on-dog-complaint-filed/articleshow/53576116.cms>

S. No.	Date	City/State	Case Description
9	12.01.2018	Jaipur, Rajasthan	Eleven langurs brutally killed, presumably beaten with sticks and then splashed with an abrasive chemical, dumped at highway near Jaipur. <sup>111</sup>
10	07.02.2019	Calangute, Goa	Caesar, an 11 year old lab-mix that lives with a family in Calangute, which was found (three days later) with severe burnt injuries from hot water thrown at him. <sup>112</sup>

### C. Decapitating or maiming or attacking an animal with a sharp knife

11	02.01.14	Chennai, Tamil Nadu	Young monkeys had been captured by some gypsy children on Marina beach, and the children were looking for a pair of pliers with which to pull out the monkeys' teeth so they could be safely used as show-monkeys. The monkeys were rescued just in time. <sup>113</sup>
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<sup>111</sup> <https://www.hindustantimes.com/jaipur/eleven-langurs-brutally-killed-dumped-near-highway-in-rajasthan/story-uNawGPBbQod9KMDtU4FLpL.html>

<sup>112</sup> Social Media Post by WVS, Goa <https://www.facebook.com/groups/goapetlife/permalink/1873263492773604/>

<sup>113</sup> Social Media Post by Blue Cross India

<https://www.facebook.com/bluecrossofindia/photos/a.421535982169/10152205604367170/?type=3>

S. No.	Date	City/State	Case Description
12	25.10.2016	Pune, Maharashtra	Puppy's torso found in slum, decapitated with no limbs. Growing pattern of similar cases where people tie the dog's limbs with metal wires until they fall off, to drive away bad luck from their homes. Body could not be located later to file FIR. <sup>114</sup>
13	12.08.2019	Bangalore, Karnataka	Primaries and secondaries of both wings clipped of a Falcon, to prevent it from flying and keep captive, either for black magic, superstition or just as a captive pet. <sup>115</sup>
14	14.07.2019	Puri, Odisha	A four feet long cobra, on being discovered inside a house, was attacked by the villagers who put a sharp spear through it, damaging the lungs. Rescued and treated. <sup>116</sup> [Video in report, needs to clipped.]
15	08.02.2020	Hasinpur, Odisha	A man cut the front legs of a dog and uploaded the video on Tiktok. <sup>117</sup>



#### D. Assault by superstition

16	29.10.2011	Latehar, Jharkhand	Video captures a traditional event called Gaider celebrated annually on Bhai duj, where people tie the legs of piglet and the animal is thrown in front of cows, bulls and buffaloes and is killed by these large animals. The animals are also goaded, tugged at, and made aggressive, so they attack the pig. Celebrated in Bihar and Jharkhand. <sup>118</sup> [Video in report, needs to clipped.]
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<sup>114</sup> <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/pune/man-throws-boiling-water-on-stray-booked/articleshow/55269757.cms>

<sup>115</sup> PFA Wildlife, Bangalore cases.

<sup>116</sup> <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/videos/news/odisha-snake-helpline-rescues-cobra-after-villagers-put-a-sharp-spear-through-it/videoshow/70207399.cms>

<sup>117</sup> <https://www.change.org/p/people-for-the-animal-welf-justice-for-gia-sanction-man-who-cut-dog-s-legs-off-for-tik-toke-video>

<sup>118</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UydEcLHF500&fbclid=IwAR0nruTmP6C044H0RyolZ-AQpCLu66UciBP5So8MoTOMp0FCUFeZz2JraA>

S. No.	Date	City/State	Case Description
17	26.06.2014	Jaisalmer, Rajasthan	The police caught three poachers and seized 38 half-dead spiny-tailed lizards from them; the lizards had their spines broken and were packed tightly in bags. Department officials state that the poachers cook and eat these lizards (considered a delicacy) after extracting oil (by burning their tails). The oil is sold as an 'aphrodisiac'. (sanda ka tel). <sup>119</sup>
			
18	12.11.2015	Bangalore, Karnataka	2 adult rose ringed parakeets seized from fortune teller. One's lower beak was slightly blackish and her primary feathers were clipped. The other didn't have any primaries on either wing. A few secondary feathers present. <sup>120</sup>
19	11.11.2018	Delhi	40 year old married man Kanhaya, a truck driver, killed owl to perform black magic to attract woman, accused had cut the claws of the owl with a knife and inserted several needles into its liver and lungs, suggesting that he used the owl as a voodoo, owl died due to multiple puncture wounds. Arrested. <sup>121</sup>
20	25.02.2020	Kolkata, West Bengal	A tantrik couple tortured and killed a puppy while performing black magic. The puppy was found with two knives stabbed into his body and blooded nose. <sup>122</sup>
			

<sup>119</sup> <https://www.conservationindia.org/gallery/spiny-tailed-lizard-poaching-desert-national-park>

<sup>120</sup> PFA-Wildlife Cases.

<sup>121</sup> <https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/married-man-kills-owl-to-perform-black-magic-for-attracting-woman-in-delhi-1387286-2018-11-13>

<sup>122</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1382277738753927/permalink/2526283481020008/>

S. No.	Date	City/State	Case Description
<b>E. Assault by confinement of wild birds and animals</b>			
21	07.01.2013	Thirupur, Tamil Nadu	Two peahens and one peacock, both adult, were being held captive—as religious attractions— in the Kandaswamy Murugan temple in Thirupur, Kanchipuram District. <sup>123</sup>
22	19.12.2014	Chandigarh, Punjab	Despite ban on the same, langurs are being used to scare away monkeys. Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) has been using two langurs. They are kept hidden from public gaze as they are tied to trees behind the new eye OPD block. The langurs remain there 24 hours. Another langur is forcefully kept by Sector 26 showrooms on Madhya Marg. He is tied to a tree bang opposite the main gate of the Sector 26 police station. (police inaction) <sup>124</sup>
			
23	06.02.2016	Mumbai, Maharashtra	A monkey was caught , its arms tied tightly behind its back, sat crouched over in a Mumbai residential colony trying with its teeth to untie the cord bound around its ankles. The wild monkey was caged after locals said it had been causing a nuisance for over six months, including stealing food and tearing up pillows that were on sale in one of the colony's shops. <sup>125</sup>
			

<sup>123</sup> FIAPO cases

<sup>124</sup> <https://www.hindustantimes.com/chandigarh/banned-langurs-continue-for-monkey-business/story-GcalHVh2rJseJL0tGCj0QM.html>

<sup>125</sup> <https://www.ndtv.com/mumbai-news/monkey-thief-in-mumbai-caught-handcuffed-and-jailed-1274255?amp=1&akamai-rum=off>

S. No.	Date	City/State	Case Description
24	09.05.18	Bangalore, Karnataka	Adult black kite with a metal ring on the right leg. Keel bone very prominent –dehydrated, ruffled feathers. <sup>126</sup>
25	05.08.2019	Bangalore, Karnataka	Adult female bonnet macaque kept in captivity - 2 years. Exhibiting stereotypical captive behaviour - rocking and jumping in one place. <sup>127</sup>
<b>F. Poisoning animals</b>			
26.	21.11.2015	Goa	Dog given poisoned food by neighbour who considered him a 'problem dog', died. <sup>128</sup> 
27.	30.05.2016	Pench Tiger Reserve, MP	Tigress named Baghinnala dead and 2 cubs poisoned. <sup>129</sup>
28.	13.10.2017	Chennai, Tamil Nadu	A pet dog named Max was poisoned by the relatives of his owner's family in Tambaram. <sup>130</sup> 

<sup>126</sup> PFA-Wildlife Bangalore cases.

<sup>127</sup> PFA-Wildlife Bangalore cases.

<sup>128</sup> Social Media Post by Welfare for Animals, Goa: <https://www.facebook.com/wag.india/posts/487481798101547:0>

<sup>129</sup> <https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/tigress-2-cubs-found-dead-in-madhya-pradeshs-pench-tiger-reserve-1292513>

<sup>130</sup> Social Media Post: <https://www.facebook.com/475635559190497/posts/1514606371960072?sfsn=mo>

S. No.	Date	City/State	Case Description
29.	30.12.2017	Pune, Maharashtra	12 cats fatally poisoned by housing society in Wakad, Pune. Awaiting post mortem report before filing FIR under IPC. <sup>131</sup>
30.	23.09.2019	Siliguri, West Bengal	7 dogs were poisoned by some unidentified persons. 6 out of the 7 dogs died. Among the 6 dead animals, 2 were pregnant females. <sup>132</sup>
			
<b>G. Animal sexual assault</b>			
31.	13.11.11	Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu	Man hears his calf crying, finds her with four semi-clad drunk men, who were sexually assaulting her. Her mouth was bleeding and tongue had been smashed in an attempt to silence her. <sup>133</sup>
32.	22.12.15	Delhi	18 year old admitted to psychiatric dept in AIIMS for raping a calf. <sup>134</sup>
33.	18.03.17	Jaipur, Rajasthan	27 year old arrested for raping a calf, witnessed by calf's owner who lodged the complaint. Case booked u/s 377 IPC, PCA. Calf's health deteriorating. <sup>135</sup>

<sup>131</sup> <https://punemirror.indiatimes.com/pune/civic/12-cats-fatally-poisoned-at-wakad-bungalow-soc/articleshow/61327070.cms>

<sup>132</sup> <https://siliguritimes.com/case-of-animal-cruelty-surfaces-from-siliguri/>

<sup>133</sup> Sept 13, 2011, Express News Service. The case was also recorded in the VSOD report on Animal Sexual Assault.

<sup>134</sup> <https://www.india.com/news/india/delhi-teenager-admitted-in-aiims-after-having-sex-with-baby-cow-804891/>

<sup>135</sup> <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/jaipur/27-year-old-held-for-bestiality/articleshow/57697027.cms>

S. No.	Date	City/State	Case Description
34.	16.08.18	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Security guard raped street dog, Bindu, by inserting a rod in her vagina, pulling out her intestines. This was an act of retribution after he was scared by her bark. Bindu died of trauma and her new born puppies did not survive after she died. Security guard arrested, booked u/ s 11(1) (a), (l) PCA, 429 IPC and granted bail on bond of Rs. 3k. Public outcry over the incident, with demands to charge him u/377 as well. <sup>136</sup>
35.	21.05.19	Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh	CCTV showed man raping 7 cows at a shelter. Caught when he returned to repeat the offense. Case booked u/s 377, 511 IPC. <sup>137</sup>

#### H. Murder of animals (Total cases: 300)

36.	26.04.14	Aldona, Goa	A street dog, mother of four pups, stoned to death. <sup>138</sup> 
37.	30.06.15	Delhi	Person stabbed a dog named Rocky who was involved in a fight with his pet dog, case registered. <sup>139</sup>
38.	19.12.17	Vadalur, Tamil Nadu	Men catch birds (eagles, storks, etc), hold them up by beaks, wings while alive, for selfies, then kill them. Seems to be some kind of business. Posted several photos. Arrested. <sup>140</sup>

<sup>136</sup> <https://www.firstpost.com/india/security-guard-rapes-stray-dog-in-mumbais-kandivali-india-must-strengthen-pca-act-to-deter-sexual-crimes-against-animals-5086991.html>

<sup>137</sup> <https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/man-held-for-raping-cows-at-shelter-in-ayodhya-up-1531300-2019-05-21>

<sup>138</sup> Social Media Post by Welfare for Animals, Goa:

<https://www.facebook.com/wag.india/photos/a.112347678948296/267532840096445/?type=3&theater>

<sup>139</sup> <https://www.indiatoday.in/mail-today/story/delhi-pets-dogs-abducted-killed-dogs-260316-2015-06-30>

<sup>140</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/FaunaPolice/posts/2088348434532627>

S. No.	Date	City/State	Case Description
39.	16.12.18	Delhi	Female dog brutally killed by woman named Saroj Bala by hitting the dog with rods on her head, her 6 puppies first separated from the mother and relocated and then killed by poisoning them. <sup>141</sup>
40.	13.06.2020	Kolkata, West Bengal	A dog's head was chopped off by corporation workers in Kolkata. <sup>142</sup>



### I. Assault on working animals

41.	09.01.2012	Mumbai, Maharashtra	A horse pulling a Victoria carriage collapsed and got injured. The horse driver yanked hard to pull the horse up, but both times the horse slammed back down with a thud against the pavement. The horse had clearly visible cuts and was bleeding from three of his legs, and frothing at the mouth perpetually. One observer, Tammy Khajotia, who is a passionate horse rider herself said, "I could tell how the horse survived in complete fear of the drivers, so much so that just them touching the horse would have him on edge, and burying his head in my arms." Police have registered a complaint under section 11 of PCA Act. <sup>143</sup>
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<sup>142</sup> [https://www.change.org/p/make-delhi-canine-rabies-free-not-by-killing-dogs-but-by-participating-in-the-abc-programme/u/26975593?cs\\_tk=AiJagunBugylO68p6V4AAXicyvNyQEABF8BvENM\\_d3xjFylQvmdjaDLp0c%3D&utm\\_campaign=beb8275c991943339a68cbbab3350e33&utm\\_content=](https://www.change.org/p/make-delhi-canine-rabies-free-not-by-killing-dogs-but-by-participating-in-the-abc-programme/u/26975593?cs_tk=AiJagunBugylO68p6V4AAXicyvNyQEABF8BvENM_d3xjFylQvmdjaDLp0c%3D&utm_campaign=beb8275c991943339a68cbbab3350e33&utm_content=)

<sup>143</sup> <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbai/Victoria-horse-collapses-near-Gateway/articleshow/11430413.cms>

S. No.	Date	City/State	Case Description
42.	07.10.2013	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Bijlee, a 58 year old ailing elephant collapsed on the road. She had been forced to work for 50 years by begging on the streets of Mumbai and standing at weddings; with no attention paid to her health or diet. She had even sustained injuries in an accident. Bijlee suffered from obesity due to bad diet, degenerative joints and osteoporosis. <sup>144</sup>
43.	11.04.2016	Hyderabad, Telangana	Sikander, 10 year old mule, forced to carry a load of fruit racks beyond his capacity. He has an injured leg, and the owner further makes three people sit on the cart as Sikander struggles to barely stand. He's neither given horseshoes nor enough water to drink as he struggles in the hot sun. Rescued by PFA Hyderabad. <sup>145</sup>
44.	02.02.2018	Katra, Jammu and Kashmir	Detailed Facebook post by Shivam Rai, accompanied by photos and videos of animal cruelty at the pilgrimage. The animals are hit with sticks when they deny carrying more load or are unable to walk. Horses and mules are forced to continuously give rides on the steep slope of around 24 km up-and-down, with an average weight of 90-100 kg on their back. Rai also spotted a horse limping and shivering; whose front right leg was broken. Even after trying for two and a half hours, Rai didn't receive any help from the shrine board. He claims there was not a single veterinary officer to look after the condition of those horses. <sup>146</sup>



<sup>144</sup> <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbai/Bijlee-dies-activists-call-for-end-to-elephant-cruelty/articleshow/20850394.cms>

<sup>145</sup> [https://pfahyd.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/PFA\\_Qtly\\_Hlts\\_Oct\\_Dec\\_2016.pdf](https://pfahyd.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/PFA_Qtly_Hlts_Oct_Dec_2016.pdf)

<sup>146</sup> <https://indianexpress.com/article/trending/trending-in-india/facebook-post-about-deplorable-state-of-animals-in-vaishno-devi-creates-huge-outcry-official-refute-claims-5048143/>

S. No.	Date	City/State	Case Description
45.	05.05.2020	Udaipur, Rajasthan	<p>Angelo, a bull, was found in excruciating pain with multiple ropes digging through the flesh of his front leg clear to the bone. The wound was a result of someone having tightly tied his leg to his horns - a devastating technique used by ignorant farmers to keep cows from escaping and to prevent bulls from mating because they cannot lift their heads.<sup>147</sup></p> 

#### J. Assault on animals for entertainment

46.	27.05.2011	Karnataka	<p>Lily's mother, a sloth bear, was killed when she was a cub. Then she was snatched from the wild by a violent gang to join their pitiful troupe of dancing bears. Like all the other animals in this troupe, her nose was pierced with a red hot needle and a rope fed through the hole. She was forced to 'dance' on a burning plate and, if she refused, she was clubbed over the head.</p> <p>As she grew, her ability to fight back was curtailed: the gang snapped off her claws with pliers and smashed in her teeth with iron chisels. Tied to a post at night, she was fed swill devoid of nutrition.</p> <p>Lily developed severe cataracts. By the age of five, she was almost totally blind.<sup>148</sup></p>
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<sup>147</sup> Social Media Post by Animal Aid on Instagram dated May 9th, 2020.

<sup>148</sup> <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1391313/The-bear-repair-squad-The-remarkable-British-women-restoring-sight-Indias-blind-dancing-bears-.html?ito=feeds-newsxml>

S. No.	Date	City/State	Case Description
47.	15.07.2012		Goat fights are held at the outskirts of Madurai city. They are forced to undergo an unnatural and strenuous training regime which includes running, swimming and bumping their heads repeatedly against hard surfaces. In a normal goat fight, 75 smashes are fixed to select the winner goat. Some people in Madurai own up to 40 fighter goats. Owners paint and sharpen the horns to give them a look of a lion. Prize money shoots up to Rs. 25,000 for the winners of the tournament. <sup>149</sup>
48.	19.02.2015	Telangana	As part of the annual Maha Shivaratri Jatara festival, eight pairs of bulls took part in competitions; including a weight lifting competition where a pair of Ongole bulls was forced to pull over two tonnes of weight. <sup>150</sup>
49.	29.06.2015	Haryana	In a farmhouse in Haryana, people gather to watch dog fights. It's the new pass time for suburban elites, and lakhs of rupees are bet on these fights. Apart from Gurgaon, dog fights are held in farmhouses of Bhatinda (Punjab), Jhajhar (Rajasthan), Wazirabad (Delhi), Noida (Uttar Pradesh) and Faridabad (Haryana). The police have made a few arrests, but the dog fighting racket continues unabated. These fights are publicised on Facebook pages as "dog shows". The losing dog is either shot on the spot or they tie their legs with ropes and throw them into a canal—where they drown because they can't swim with tied legs. <sup>151</sup>
50.	17.08.2019	Ahmedabad, Gujarat	The sight of haggard, fatigued dogs sprawled out on the floor as humans strive to attract their attention at this petting centre, the dogs there are chased, and quite often manhandled, by small and big humans for around eight hours, it indulges in exploitation of the animals which is in gross violation of animal rights. <sup>152</sup>

<sup>149</sup> <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Madurai-host-to-thrilling-goat-fights/articleshow/13741272.cms>

<sup>150</sup> <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/telangana/when-bulls-proved-to-be-a-breed-apart/article6911231.ece>

<sup>151</sup> [https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=7&v=QipG7bFJgmo&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=7&v=QipG7bFJgmo&feature=emb_logo)

<sup>152</sup> <https://ahmedabadmirror.indiatimes.com/ahmedabad/cover-story/stop-this-cruelty-now/articleshow/70707759.cms>

S. No.	Date	City/State	Case Description
<b>K. Assault by children</b>			
51.	22.07.11	Delhi	A bunch of boys aged 7-10 hit a dog with a fat piece of wood which was their weapon. The next day the same boy (accompanied by his friends) came up with a stick and hit the poor 15 year old, harmless bitch who was innocently eating biscuits. <sup>153</sup>
52.	13.11.12	Karnataka	Pregnant donkey with improperly healed foot fracture targeted by school children, hit with stones since she couldn't run away. Rescued, but sustained permanent injuries. <sup>154</sup>
53.	02/05/14	Tamil Nadu	Young boy cut the Achilles tendon of a cow's leg with a sickle, and then slashed the cow in several places for sifting through their trash. FIR registered. "Ajith maintained that he attacked the cow because she had sifted through the garbage that had been thrown outside their house. When the problem is created by uncaring humans that are willing to anti-socially discard garbage on the roadside rather than use garbage bins, how does attacking a cow that would naturally be inclined to rummage in that garbage serve any purpose at all?" <sup>155</sup>
54.	24/02/20	Kolkata, West Bengal	A young girl kicked a dog into a pond. On being asked she said the men of her house have done a lot more. <sup>156</sup>
55.	22.05.2020	Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh	A video on Tiktok came up where a dog is tied with rope and is flung into a lake by two teenage boys, thereby drowning it. <sup>157</sup>
<b>L. Assault by tying and dragging an animal</b>			
56.	26.05.2013	Mumbai, Maharashtra	3 men kill dog for barking. They tied its neck using a rope, dragged it and attacked it with knife and a stone, caught on CCTV. Attempted to attack a pet dog as well. Booked u/s 429, 34 IPC, s 11 PCA. <sup>158</sup>

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<sup>155</sup> Blue Cross FaceBook Page: Social media

<sup>156</sup> Social Media24/02/20

<sup>157</sup> <https://www.news18.com/news/buzz/mp-teenagers-who-went-viral-on-tiktok-for-drowning-a-dog-in-a-pool-have-been-arrested-2637343.html>

<sup>158</sup> <http://archive.indianexpress.com/news/-irritated--by-its-constant-barking-three-kill-Street-dog/1121054/>

S. No.	Date	City/State	Case Description
57.	03.11.2016	Pune, Maharashtra	5 men tie nylon rope to street dog's neck, tie it to bike, drag him for 2 km. They first attacked the dog with sticks and beat him unconscious. Complaint booked against unknown persons u/PCA, Bombay Police Act. <sup>159</sup>
58.	10.03.2017	Gurugram, Haryana	Staff of a security agency arrested on charges of animal cruelty for tying a dog to a jeep and dragging it. <sup>160</sup>
59.	02.04.2018	Hyderabad, Telangana	Pet dog tied to back of lorry and dragged to death. FIR filed u/s 11(1) PCA <sup>161</sup>
60.	06.02.2020	Ludhiana, Punjab	Street dog tied up with an electric wire, thrashed with iron rods for hours till he was nearly unconscious, thrown from a rooftop and then dragged on the road after being tied to an autorickshaw. The plan was to dump him near a canal by dragging him till there but before that local residents heard the cries of the dog and came to rescue him. He was dragged for some 200 metres before being rescued. Dog was bleeding with a broken jaw, fractured limbs and other injuries. 3 people arrested. <sup>162</sup>

#### M. Assault by throwing animals from rooftops

61.	24.01.2017	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Puppy thrown off terrace, died on the spot. FIR filed against unknown persons. <sup>163</sup>
62.	2016	Chennai, Tamil Nadu	Medical Students throw a puppy off the roof, record a video and share it widely. Later case is registered and they are fined Rs. 2 lacs. <sup>164</sup>
63.	04.11.2017	Vellore, Tamil Nadu	Engineering student throws puppy off terrace for urinating on his clothes. Previously killed another puppy in the same manner for the same reason. Boasted about it to his friends on a WhatsApp group. Case registered. <sup>165</sup>

<sup>159</sup> <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/pune/5-youths-on-bikes-drag-dog-to-death-cops-hunt-for-them/articleshow/55256185.cms>

<sup>160</sup> <https://www.hindustantimes.com/gurgaon/gurgaon-when-dogs-put-residents-and-activists-at-odds/story-AUqDJFLK1BrKBwCuEldr4N.html>

<sup>161</sup> Case internally documented and shared by PFA-Hyderabad.

<sup>162</sup> <https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/ludhiana/stray-dog-thrown-from-rooftop-three-arrested-36043>

<sup>163</sup> <https://www.dnaindia.com/mumbai/report-3-month-old-pup-flung-from-terrace-in-mumbai-dies-2299463>

<sup>164</sup> <https://www.ndtv.com/chennai-news/medical-students-who-threw-dog-from-terrace-fined-rs-2-lakh-1452914#:~:text=After%20horror%20video%2C%20Chennai%20dog,by%20the%20Madras%20High%20Court.a>

<sup>165</sup> <https://www.india.com/news/india/tamil-nadu-engineering-student-kills-puppy-by-throwing-it-off-terrace-says-it-peed-on-my-clothes-2595520/>

S. No.	Date	City/State	Case Description
64.	13.11.2018	Kollam, Kerala	3 new born kittens thrown over a 10 ft wall, two died, one survived and was rescued. <sup>166</sup>
65.	16.12.2018	Thane, Maharashtra	A man throws a cat from a 14th floor flat. <sup>167</sup>
<b>N. Burning animals alive</b>			
66.	24.11.2012	Shopian, Jammu and Kashmir	Inquiry ordered into an attempt by a jeering crowd to set a terrified bear, which steered into a village, on fire. Video shows the bear trying to climb a tree in desperation as a crowd gathered around. The villagers are seen tying a burning cloth to a pole, raising it towards the bear and poking the animal. The bear tries to perch itself further up on the tree's branches until it's unable to go up any further. Soon engulfed in flames, the bear eventually climbed down and managed to escape. <sup>168</sup>
67.	03.12.2018	Mumbai, Maharashtra	A stray cat was burned alive in Oshiwara, Andheri. <sup>169</sup>
			
68.	30.12.2018	Hyderabad, Telangana	A puppy is burnt alive in a neighbourhood of Hyderabad. <sup>170</sup>

<sup>166</sup> Social Media Post by PFA Kerala <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1133975376750479>

<sup>167</sup> <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/thane/thane-man-kills-cat-by-throwing-it-from-his-highrise-flat-held/articleshow/67119419.cms>

<sup>168</sup> <https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/mob-tries-to-set-helpless-bear-ablaze-in-kashmir-probe-ordered-505444>

<sup>169</sup> <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbai/stray-cat-tied-up-starved-and-burnt-to-death-in-oshiwara/articleshow/66928613.cms>

<sup>170</sup> <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/hyderabad/residents-set-ablaze-puppy-in-tolichowki/articleshow/67307782.cms>

S. No.	Date	City/State	Case Description
69.	03.11.2019	Burdwan, West Bengal	<p>Dog delivering puppies on a street. After two of her puppies were delivered, an unidentified woman put kerosene oil on the dog and her new born puppies and set them on fire for eating her hen. Two puppies died and the dog was critically burnt, she succumbed to her injuries the next day, along with the 3 unborn puppies in the womb. Complaint filed.<sup>171</sup></p> <p></p> <p></p>
70.	16.01.20	Maharashtra	A street dog who entered a house looking for food was attacked by its residents with boiling water. The animal has serious burn injuries near his forelimbs and hind limbs. <sup>172</sup>
<b>O. Shooting animals with a gun</b>			
71.	17.04.2011	Delhi	Mr. Amit, pilot of Jet Airways, tortured and shot at a colony dog and killed it inhumanly for no reason at all. <sup>173</sup>
72.	02.12.2018	Hyderabad, Telangana	An angry bank employee shot dead his neighbour's pet dog. Saroornagar police seized the weapon, took the accused into custody and registered a case under section 336 and 429 of IPC besides relevant sections of the PCA Act. <sup>174</sup>

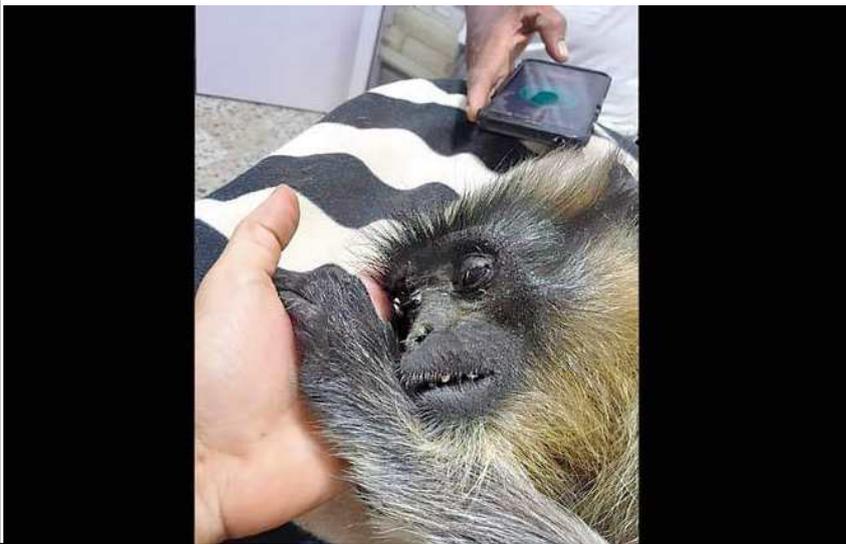
<sup>171</sup> <https://www.oneindia.com/india/wb-pregnant-dog-burnt-alive-along-with-her-2-puppies-in-burdwan-2973186.html>

<sup>172</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PALThane/permalink/2760809470634747/>

<sup>173</sup> FIAP0 archive of cases.

<sup>174</sup> Social Media Post:

<https://www.facebook.com/296911701128564/photos/a.296913297795071/590213841798347/?type=3&theater>

S. No.	Date	City/State	Case Description
73.	17.01.2019	Raigad, Maharashtra	Grey langur fatally shot with air rifle. 3 bullets found in his body. <sup>175</sup> 
74.	07.03.2020	Bandipur, Karnataka	An elephant shot by a forest department staffer in Bandipur National Park. <sup>176</sup>
75.	14.03.2019	Bikaner, Rajasthan	More than 50 street dogs shot dead by angry villagers with airgun, video surfaced, no official complaint lodged. <sup>177</sup>
<b>P. Transportation of animals for illegal slaughter</b>			
76.	08.10.2014	Tamil Nadu and Kerala	To make sure that the animal do not sprawl on the floor and die inside cramped lorries, traffickers use chilli paste to make them wince. Sometimes pieces of hot chillies are inserted under their eyelids, while taking them to the slaughterhouses. On Oct 8, 2014, we stopped yet another truck transporting cattle for slaughter. We have stopped so many trucks overloaded with cattle for slaughter but nothing has changed. When we found this truck it had 20 cattle stuffed in. Worse they were using the same old nasty 'green chillies', which are stocked to rub into the eyes of the cattle that fall from fatigue. We called the police and got the vehicle to be taken to the station. <sup>178</sup>

<sup>175</sup> <https://www.mid-day.com/articles/hanuman-langur-shot-with-an-air-rifle-in-raigad/405532>

<sup>176</sup> <https://www.indiatoday.in/trending-news/story/karnataka-forest-department-staffer-shoots-elephant-in-bandipur-national-park-sacked-1654808-2020-03-12>

<sup>177</sup> <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/jaipur/over-50-stray-dogs-shot-dead-in-bikaner-village/articleshow/68402464.cms>

<sup>178</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/511683712/posts/10158191389563713?sfns=mo>

S. No.	Date	City/State	Case Description
77.	05.12.2016	Bihar	61 Indian desert camels were transported from Rajasthan to Bihar for being illegally traded to Bangladesh. Complaint registered in Kishangarh police station. Case fought in High Court. One camel died during the course of legal hearings. <sup>179</sup>
78.	01.05.2017	Gurgaon, Haryana	Man stole a pet dog, killed and served meat to friends. Case made, no arrests. <sup>180</sup>
79.	01.01.2019	Garo Hills, Meghalaya	Man killed, burned, cooked and ate a rhesus macaque, posted on social media. Booked u/WPA. <sup>181</sup>
80.	29.01.2020	Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh	Carcasses of 7 birds and suspected Nilgai meat seized from a vehicle by police. Two men arrested, booked u/WPA. <sup>182</sup>
<b>Q. Abandonment</b>			
81.	30.09.2010	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Great Dane stud dog used for breeding, abandoned at old age in an emaciated condition with kidney and lung issues. Rescued. Did not survive. <sup>183</sup>
82.	09.06.2017	Kolkata, West Bengal	A 2 years old cow was abandoned by her owner as her leg was broken. The owner also threatened to sell the animal to the butcher. <sup>184</sup>
			

<sup>179</sup> <https://www.indiatoday.in/fyi/story/women-fight-illegal-camel-trade-bangladesh-border-358633-2016-12-20>

<sup>180</sup> <https://www.hindustantimes.com/gurgaon/gurgaon-missing-dog-case-suspect-tells-cops-he-ate-dog-meat-but-not-brownie/story-XlB9MBP3C6GN2mUsCxNDGJ.html>

<sup>181</sup> <https://www.timesnownews.com/mirror-now/crime/article/meghalaya-west-garo-hills-sengkud-sangma-protected-species-rhesus-macaque-monkey-peta/340114>

<sup>182</sup> <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bareilly/two-arrested-for-killing-birds/articleshow/73709397.cms>

<sup>183</sup> Social Media Post by Animals Matter to Me.

<sup>184</sup> Social Media Post by Animals Come First: <https://www.facebook.com/515559508482249/posts/1449947158376808/?d=n>

S. No.	Date	City/State	Case Description
83.	22.12.2017	Udaipur, Rajasthan	Merry, a new born calf, abandoned by the owner and left to die on the side of the road, severely dehydrated and on the verge of dying, rescued. <sup>185</sup>
84.	24.07.2019	Surat, Gujarat	Abandoned male calf, helplessly lying down on a road in sweltering heat, suffering from Ruminal Tympany (Bloat's Disease) and had severe breathing problems. His temperature had soared to around 105°F. He was not getting any food and had to eat plastic bags/trash found on roadside. Rescued. <sup>186</sup>
85.	07.02.2020	Bhubaneswar , Odisha	A male calf was found abandoned. Denied of nutrition the calf was found with injuries and hypothermia. <sup>187</sup>

### R. Torture of animals

86.	22.11.2016	Vellore, Tamil Nadu	In a horrific incident of torture to an animal, medical college students from Vellore brutally killed a female monkey after she entered their hostel room. They tied up the monkey's hands, legs and neck with a phone wire, took her to the hostel terrace and thrashed her brutally in front of 30 other students. They also stabbed her back with a sharp object and raped her with an iron rod. "The monkey was abused by the worst means," said Antony Robin, one of the activists involved in exhuming the body. "Her hand was tied in the rear side and a telephone wire was tied to her neck. We observed fractures in the knee, ankle, neck and other places. We also noticed a sharp object was inserted from behind and came in front. This is by far the worst case [of animal cruelty] we have seen." A police complaint and criminal case under provisions of the Indian Penal Code Section 429 for assaulting an animal and the Wildlife Protection Act continues with no convictions. <sup>188</sup>
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<sup>185</sup> Social Media Post by Animal Aid, Udaipur: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=10156023271018259>

<sup>186</sup> Social Media Post by Prayaas: [https://www.facebook.com/PrayasINDIA/posts/2455310397866940?\\_\\_tn\\_\\_=-R](https://www.facebook.com/PrayasINDIA/posts/2455310397866940?__tn__=-R)

<sup>187</sup> Social Media Post by Speak for Animals: [https://www.facebook.com/sfabbsr/posts/1199091700284049?\\_\\_tn\\_\\_=-R](https://www.facebook.com/sfabbsr/posts/1199091700284049?__tn__=-R)

<sup>188</sup> <https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/monkey-vellore-christian-medical-college-tamil-nadu-students-fir-wildlife-protection-act-353624-2016-11-23#:~:text=A%20monkey%20was%20tortured%20and,monkey%20with%20its%20limbs%20tied.>

S. No.	Date	City/State	Case Description
87.	20.08.2019	Barbaspur, Chhattisgarh	Ten cows died from asphyxiation in a cow shelter run by village panchayat. The cows were locked inside a small room during heavy rains. The sarpanch and secretary of the panchayat have been served notices, seeking their replies. <sup>189</sup>
88.	02.09.2019	Vaishali, Bihar	Video catches earthmover being used to bury alive an injured Nilgai antelope. FIR filed against driver, forest guard suspended. <sup>190</sup>
89.	29.06.2020	Khammam, Telangana	A few youths in Khammam district cruelly killed a monkey by hanging it from a tree and releasing dogs to attack it. <sup>191</sup>
90.	25.02.2020	Kolkata, West Bengal	A tantrik couple tortured and killed a puppy while performing black magic. The puppy was found with two knives stabbed into his body and blooded nose. <sup>192</sup>
<b>S. Attack and violent crimes against wild animals</b>			
91.	09/07/05	Jhargam, West Bengal	Two elephants (one calf and one adult) were attacked with flaming balls of tar and firecrackers by a frenzied mob in Jhargram district. The event came to light when a photograph of the incident, clicked by Biplab Hazra, won him the Sanctuary Wildlife Photography Award 2017. The photo shows the mother's leg burning and the calf's rear engulfed in flames. The calf somehow survived, as per the photographer. <sup>193</sup>
92.	27.02.2015	Jammu and Kashmir	Leopard first suffocated, and then killed, dragged and paraded through the village. <sup>194</sup>
93.	07.03.2020	Bandipur, Karnataka	An elephant shot by a forest department staffer in Bandipur National Park. <sup>195</sup>

<sup>189</sup> <https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/ten-cows-die-chhattisgarh-shelter-suffocation-1582946-2019-08-20>

<sup>190</sup> <https://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/2019/sep/08/fir-filed-after-nilgai-buried-alive-in-bihar-2030478.html>

<sup>191</sup> <https://mumbaimirror.indiatimes.com/news/india/animal-cruelty-horrific-case-shocking-monkey-hanged-to-death-in-hyderabad/articleshow/76677911.cms>

<sup>192</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1382277738753927/permalink/2526283481020008/>

<sup>193</sup> <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/animalia/wp/2017/11/08/the-horror-elephants-face-in-india-in-one-heartbreaking-photo/>

<sup>194</sup> <https://www.indiatoday.in/india/video/leopard-killed-jammu-and-kashmir-pulwama-animal-rights-427946-2015-02-27>

<sup>195</sup> <https://www.indiatoday.in/trending-news/story/karnataka-forest-department-staffer-shoots-elephant-in-bandipur-national-park-sacked-1654808-2020-03-12>

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94.	08.06.2020	Guwahati, Assam	An eight year old male leopard was lynched, its teeth removed, and subsequently paraded by a group of people in the Katahbari Pahar area of Guwahati. It had been initially caught with a rope trap by the locals. In a video, three-four men can be seen parading the carcass of the animal to the hoots and cheers by the surrounding crowd. Six people have been arrested. Since the animal's teeth were removed, they will also be charged with a case of poaching. <sup>196</sup>
			
95.	27.05.2020	Palakkad, Kerala	An elephant that was pregnant died in Kerala, standing in water after she ate a pineapple filled with firecrackers, allegedly left by some locals. The fruit exploded in her mouth, leading to the inevitable tragedy. <sup>197</sup>
<b>T. Assault on animals in political campaigning</b>			
96.	01.01.2012	Delhi	A “Black Day” political demonstration was held against the ruling party in New Delhi which included parading a buffalo and subjecting it to ear-splitting flutes. <sup>198</sup>

<sup>196</sup> <https://indianexpress.com/article/north-east-india/assam/assam-leopard-killed-teeth-removed-subsequently-paraded-by-locals-in-guwahati-6447344/>

<sup>197</sup> <https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/pregnant-elephant-ate-pineapple-stuffed-with-crackers-in-kerala-she-died-standing-in-river-2239497>

<sup>198</sup> <http://bwc-india.org/Web/Awareness/LearnAbout/AnimalsinEntertainment.ht ml>

S. No.	Date	City/State	Case Description
97.	14.04.2015	Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh	Animal rights activists criticised Congress for using donkeys in their protest against price rise in the markets. The donkeys were made to lead the protest march. The use of donkeys in a political rally or protest march was violation of the provisions of the PCA Act. Forcing donkeys in any sort of demonstration is an unnatural behaviour with the animal. The animal is generally tied with a rope or forced to move in a particular direction. Besides the pitch of slogans or loudspeakers is higher than 20 decibel, which is harmful for the health of the animals. However, Congress city president Dinesh Yadav told, "Neither any placards or posters were put on the donkeys nor were they beaten to walk in a particular direction during the rally. So there was no violation of any animal cruelty act." <sup>199</sup>
98.	28.11.2016	Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh	Panchayat Raj minister Ch Ayyanapatrudu and MLA Peela Govinda Satyanarayana rode a bullock cart during the Jana Chaitanya Yatra. The cart was overloaded (with over 8 people). Further the bull was distressed by the huge gathering and the shouting crowds, and tried to run amok. Due to overloading, the wooden log of the cart broke and the people fell down. <sup>200</sup>
99.	25.05.2018	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Kherwadi police station in Bandra East seized two young horses being abused at an INC political rally, organised against the Central government's decision to increase fuel prices. With the help of PETA, FIR filed u/s. 3 and 11 of PCA for treating the weak and exhausted animals cruelly, including by repeatedly kicking them to force them to walk under the scorching hot sun for hours without food, water, or shade, carrying person after person. <sup>201</sup>

<sup>199</sup> <https://www.hindustantimes.com/bhopal/animal-rights-activists-flay-cong-for-using-donkeys-during-protest-in-jabalpur/story-U5VALJz14vhOpSMa2uu5WK.html>

<sup>200</sup> <https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/andhra-pradesh/2016/nov/28/panchayat-raj-minister-falls-off-bullock-cart-during-yatra-in-andhra-pradesh-1543403.html>

<sup>201</sup> <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/mumbai/two-held-for-abusing-horses-at-cong-protest/article23994759.ece>

S. No.	Date	City/State	Case Description
100.	02.05.2020	Agra, Uttar Pradesh	Traders of Sanjay Place Market took out a procession of donkeys named after Mayor Naveen Jain as protest against Agra Municipal Corporation's levy of parking fee at the market. The donkeys were paraded amidst sloganeering and loud performance by a musical band. Senior leaders of Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party (PSP), including Manisha Singh and Nitin Kohli attended the protest to extend their party's support to the trader's cause. <sup>202</sup>

<sup>202</sup> <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/agra/traders-take-out-baraat-of-donkeys-to-protest-amcs-parking-charges/articleshow/73943576.cms>

“ India must set a great example to all countries in the world. We must set the example not because I think we are superior, but because we have spoken about ahimsa far more than any other country. The very word ahimsa comes from India; it belongs to us; we have that tradition. We have had examples, great examples in history of ahimsa, and kings like Asoka have practised these things. So, the more we talk about it, the greater is the responsibility to put it into practice and that is why I believe that such a Bill as this is absolutely necessary. ”

- Rukmini Arundale, 1954 Rajya Sabha,  
while introducing the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals  
Bill 1953.

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