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## Temple calves end up in slaughter houses

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VISAKHAPATNAM: The offering of male calves by devotees as part of an age-old custom to appease Lord Narasimha Swamy at the Simhachalam temple has led to a peculiar problem. Many of the calves left behind on the temple premises, to be subsequently auctioned off, are allegedly finding their way to slaughter houses.

According to non-governmental organizations (NGOs), contractors posing as farmers queue up for the auction and sell them off through middlemen to slaughter houses as the temple currently does not have enough room to house all the donated animals. The ancient temple, which earns an annual revenue of Rs 3 crore, sees an estimated 8,000-10,000 visitors on any given day, with the number going up to 20,000-30,000 on weekends, holidays and auspicious days.

"Weekly, around 50-70 calves are donated and it goes up to 100 to 300 during festive and auspicious occasions. This adds up to nearly 10,000 male calves annually. These calves become the property of the temple, which can either give them for adoption to interested people or auction them to the highest bidder, which they do every Saturday. We found that the contractors herd these calves into trucks and transport them to slaughter houses as there is a good demand for calf meat. Middlemen too are involved in this unholy business," said Pradeep Nath, founder-president, Visakha Society for Protection and Care of Animals (VSPCA).

This is posing a major challenge for the Simhachalam temple authorities, who are now planning to put a full stop to this unholy practice. Anand Gajapathiraju, founder-trustee, Simhachalam temple, said, "Since, devotees can't be stopped from offering the calves as religious sentiments are attached to it, we have stopped auctioning them as we found that some calves are being taken to slaughter houses." He, however, denied that the number of calves offered is as high as 10,000, and said it was only around 500 per annum.

Even as the auctioning of calves has been stopped by the endowments department since the past one week, the temple is gearing up to make alternative arrangements to house these beleaguered calves in sheds near the temple. "We have decided to keep all the animals with us and will house them on the around 100 acres of spare land where we will build sheds. In the long run, we plan to put up a biogas plant to generate electricity to light up the temple or use the manure to make natural compost. The endowments minister is coming to the city next month and we will discuss the issue with him," the temple trustee said.

When contacted, state endowments department official and executive officer (EO) of the Simhachalam temple, Ramachandra Mohan, admitted that the problem had been brought to their notice, "The auctioning has been stopped because we found that contractors and middlemen, posing as farmers would purchase the male calves in bulk in the name of rearing them for agricultural work. But actually, many of them are sold to slaughter houses."

"We had a meeting and discussions with the endowment minister C Ramachandraiah and the principal secretary regarding these issues. Brahmins and priests of small temples will be given a

cow each from the donated ones. As for the male calves, we have come up with the 'gosanskaram scheme' for people to donate and sponsor the calves. We will also rear 1,000-odd male calves on our temple land and use their waste (dung) for promoting a green environment," Mohan said.

Meanwhile, Nath of VSPCA said that the NGO was trying to educate people from the surrounding villages to stop offering calves and instead symbolically offer a calf from the 'goshala' located nearby and bring him back.

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So what is wrong with the auction and the calves being sent to slaughter houses? The Goshalas are a big business of RSS and VHP, where they make lot's of money and eventually send the cows and calves to slaughter houses. They just fool the common man by brain washing them.



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Why nobody commenting against the Muslims here? The so called protectors of the cows, the custodians of the temples selling out the cows to slaughter houses and getting huge commissions, and some devoted but innocent and ignorant Hindus considering these cheaters as the crusaders against cow slaughter even worship them and they are misusing their sentiments to make money. Pahelwans and some goons and some politicians in Hyderabad city built so called 'gow shalas' where they keep stray cows and bulls and calves and some they confiscate from the exporters / importers by maintaining illegal and unauthorised check points (it is standard practise of VHP and Bajrangdal people to erect checkpoint just before Hajj / Bakrid in the name of cow protection). Raja Bhaiyya got a gowshala where he keeps many cows and bulls upon paying each animal Rs. 5K he returns the cows and other animals, this is how he is making money, this is a very huge and profitable

business for people like him. The innocents who consider the acts of people like Raja bhaiyya in rescuing the cows fully and brutally cheated on religious and emotional grounds. Is there anybody to ask Raja Bhaiyya and others where the cows and other animals went which they have confiscated illegally in the October 2012? They do not have any answer but they will say you do not deserve any answer for their acts. This is just politics nothing else because politicians are politicians, they are neither Hindus nor Muslims or Christians, their religion is just power and money nothing else.



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Hinduism does not promote idol worship/worshipping demi gods infact it rejects it. Shvetashvatara Upanishad Chapter 4 Verse 19 says "Na tasyapati na asti" (For God there is no pratima, no image, no picture, and no statue) and Yajur Veda Chapter 40 Verse 9 says "Andhatm pravishanti ya aashambhuti upaste" (Those are entering in darkness who worships the natural things (like-fire, water, air etc.) & those are entering in more darkness who worships the shumbuti (created things like statue,table, chair etc.) But unfortunately the common hindu majority of whom neither read these scriptures nor follow them blindly worship what not idols, snake, monkey, Shiv Ling etc., etc.. I sincerely request all Hindus to read their scriptures with understanding and am sure you will find the Truth.



satish attal (Nizamabad)

Thank to the NGO



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Hey Mr Pradyumna Yadav it is unfortunate that I too have similar name. you being Yadav opined So what is wrong with the auction and the calves being sent to slaughter houses? wonderful. You and me are living with this cattles' milk. Govu gai is the saint animal and you young do not know what God, Culture,country is all about? had there not been RSS the earliers words shivaji na hothe tho sunnath hothi sabki. I will tell rss na hote to hinduonki sunnath hothi is desh mai.. Are buddu sunlo, It is hindu culture which has given you the freedom to comment. you could have been butchered had you been in Taliban or in Pakisthan. open your eyes it is an animal and sacred animal. we are worshipping the male as Nandi and as the vehicle of Lord shiva. Please look at the world and don't become the so called secular, the meaning of which is not knowm to any one who calles himself as Secular.. I only pray almight let the wisdom prevails upon you hindu bitters. all the best



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Hey copy paste khaiyar, here is the explanation for your no idol worship lies, when our scriptures and God clearly allow idol worship. Here is correct explanation for "Na Tasya Pratima Asti": This is to answer to the critics such as Zakir Naik of Peace TV who say that the so called idol worship, Avatar, etc is not supported in Vedas. Let us understand the meaning of the famous and controversial verse of Yajur Veda: "Na Tasya Pratima Asti" . Of course, pratima means image or duplicate. However, the so called idols that Hindus used to worship is rightly called as Vighraha. Vighraha means one which influences (graha means same thing) in a special way (vi- stands for vishesha). There are many instances in which God has reacted with his devotees with the vighraha as the interface. The word prathima is perhaps the word that has come into use later. It is used to describe one of the characteristics of God. So, this verse means, "There is nothing in this world which is exactly like Him". Read the full verse from Yajur Ved 32:1 — "TUD AIV AGNY TUD ADITYA TUD VAYU TUDOO CHANDRAMA, TUD AIV SHUKREM TUD BRAHMA TA AAPAH SA PRAJAPATY" and immediate next to this verse is— "NA TASYA PRATIMA ASTY" It means— "God is Fire, God is Sun, God is Air, God is Moon, God only is Pure and Attractive, God is Water and God is Lord of all living beings". and " His Similitude( Likeness) does not exist". Since Another verse that is incorrectly translated is:

Yajur veda 40:9 Antham thama pravishanthi  
yesambhoothimupasathe Thatho bhooya iva the thamo ya u  
sambhootyang retha The correct meaning is: One who ignores the  
truth enters darkness.he worship or follows the worldly subjects( for  
material desire) he thinks there is nothing beyond this world and trys  
to gain pleasures from it. This doesn't mean that those who worship  
vigraha (loosely called idols), will go to hell. Yajur veda 32:3 and 32:4  
verse tells: na tasya pratima asti yasya nama mahadyasha  
Hiranyagarbha ithyesha ma ma hingseethithyesha yasmanna jatha  
ithyesha Esho ha deva prathishonu sarva poorvo ha jatha sa u  
grabho antha Sa eva jatha sa janishyamaana prathyang  
janasthishttathi sarvathomugha O God your mightines , supremeness  
is the top, you are unmeasurable, only you knows your true form, you  
created the things like sun, the God who is not born from anything is  
worshipable, let him not hurt us The Supreme God is filled  
everywhere, he was in the mind and in the creations of all times , he  
is in everything in a secret form. he exists in all times, his strength is  
filled everywhere As that God has manifested Himself in the form of  
universe with His energy (which is only a portion of the God's energy  
just like sunshine is different from Sun), it is therefore obvious that in  
the universe , there exists no one apart from God and exactly like  
God. So, there could exist no Similitude( likeness or comparison) of  
God in the universe." So we can see you are just spreading Zakir  
Naik lies.



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