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As the build up to the war in Iraq developed, the ISCOWP News printed scriptural quotes from the ancient spiritual text of India known as the Vedas and philosophical quotes from great respected persons throughout the history of the world as to the connections between animal slaughter (specifically cow slaughter) and war. Now that the war is a reality it is more important than ever to establish cow protection worldwide.

This issue contains the annual report for ISCOWP activities for the year 2002. We are most grateful to you, our supporters, for your help in spreading cow protection both in the past and in the future. May we do more and more together to make the world a more peaceful place for all.

ISCOWP's trip to India in the beginning of 2003 is reported in this issue. An account of the Vrndvana goshalla (top photo) and the Manava Muni Go Raksha Trust, located in Indore, (bottom photo) are included. This trip substantiated the immense value of cow for mankind.

“The Ground Becomes Purified by Smearing with Cow Dung.” Brahma Purana 113.124



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Annual Report for the Year 2002 1/1/02—12/31/02

International Society for Cow Protection, INC. (ISCOWP)

ISCOWP Profile

ISCOWP was incorporated in the state of Pennsylvania, U.S.A., March 1990, as a non-profit educational organization. William and Irene Dove (Balabhadra das and Chayadevi dasi) are its managing directors. They are disciples of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, the Founder Acharya of the International Society for Krsna Consciousness (ISKCON). Through their spiritual master's teachings, they have imbibed the practices and benefits, both spiritual and material, of lifetime cow protection.

ISCOWP's primary concern is to present alternatives to agricultural practices that support and depend upon the meat industry and industrialized, petroleum powered machinery. To this end, ISCOWP trains oxen (male cows or steers) to replace farm machinery and thereby show an alternative to their slaughter. The tenets of cow protection and ox-power are universal and nonsectarian, available to all regardless of race, creed, or nationality.

ISCOWP Goals

- 1) To systematically educate all people in the practice of cow protection in order to check the imbalance of values in life and to achieve real unity and peace in the world.
- 2) To bring the members of the Society together with each other, thus developing the idea within the members, and humanity at large, the great necessity and benefit of recognizing the cow as the mother who gives milk to the human society and the bull as the father whose labor in the field produces food for humanity in the form of grains and vegetables.
- 3) To teach and encourage peaceful dietary practices based on lacto-vegetarianism.
- 4) To establish branches of the International Society for Cow Protection Inc. and encourage any organization that complies with this charter.
- 5) To bring the members closer together for the purpose of teaching and establishing a simple agrarian lifestyle based on a cow-human-land relationship and utilizing the principle of cruelty free, lifetime protection toward all God's creatures, espe-

cially the cows and bulls.

6) To establish and maintain a traveling, educational program representing the relevance of the cows and bulls in society today.

7) With a view towards achieving the aforementioned purposes, to publish and distribute periodicals, books and other writings.

8) To receive, administer and distribute funds and all other things necessary and proper in furtherance of the above stated purposes.

ISCOWP Activities

Cow Protection Seminars

Seminars are given in living classroom settings involving hands-on instruction at locations such as Russia, India, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, U.S.A. Traditional classroom educational settings are also available. If you wish to partake in such a seminar or wish to have one in your area, contact ISCOWP for seminar schedules.

Training Teamsters and Oxen

Teamsters and oxen are trained worldwide either individually or in group settings. At Vrajapura Farm there are 6 trained ox teams available for the training of students. Contact ISCOWP for further information.

Educational Materials

12 years in publication, the ISCOWP News informs its readers of cow protection activities worldwide. 9 years in existence, the ISKCON COM cow conference offers a forum for practical and philosophical discussions to over 80 members from 18 countries. <http://www.iscwp.com> offers a wide scope of information about cow protection. Various videos and literature are also available.

ISCOWP Outreach

ISCOWP Travels to organizations worldwide interested or actively participating in cow protection for the purpose of establishing standards, presenting hands-on self-sufficient practices, and raising the awareness of the importance

of cow protection. 5 years of travel with oxen throughout the United States' major cities and towns resulted in thousands of people receiving the message of cow protection and ox-power.

Vrajapura Farm

ISCOWP's headquarters, consisting of 165 acres in W.V. USA, provides a setting for seminars, hands-on instruction, ISCOWP's office, ox-power and life centered on the land and cows. At Vrajapura Farm, twenty-five cows and oxen are provided lifetime protection.

ISKCON Ministry for Cow Protection and Agriculture

Since cow protection is an essential ingredient in the Krishna consciousness philosophy, in 1998, ISCOWP president William E. Dove (Balabhadra das) was appointed the ISKCON Minister for Cow Protection and Agriculture to advise and instruct ISKCON centers and devotees protecting cows.

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ISCOWP T-shirts, videos, information

Please inquire at above addresses.

ISCOWP Editors note

Details in non-editorial articles do not necessarily represent the viewpoint of ISCOWP.

ISCOWP Travels to India for Cow Protection

In this article we would like to give a photo guide of Balabhadra's trip to India.

Vrndavana Goshalla

Balabhadra's first stop was Vrndavana. Here he visited the ISKCON Vrndavana goshalla and Kurma Rupa prabhu's cow sanctuary. The Vrndavana goshalla purchased some Thapakur cows and bulls (photo on top of the front page of this newsletter) to breed out the western breeds from the herd because western breeds have not adjusted well to India's climate.

The most immediate need here is a workable managerial structure. The Vrndavana temple as a whole is experiencing a managerial change and when that becomes stabilized, the real business of cow protection can proceed. Nandanandana prabhu has been taking care of the cows for 18 years and is still there serving the cows. He and his wife are a great asset.

All the land around Vrndavana temple is now very valuable and the goshalla has about 10.5 acres in a prime location. Other devotee projects would like that land for their projects since it appears that the Vrndavana goshalla is not fully utilizing it. It was voted by the Vrndavana Executive Board (VEB) that the cows could be moved so the goshalla land could be given to the Gurukula. A wealthy Indian man offered to take 200 of the cows (there are 260 cows) to his property (25 acres) 8 KM from the temple. He said that he would maintain them for the devotees.

There are many unanswered questions with this offer. The general

consensus is that first and foremost, if the land is not deeded to ISKCON outright, the cows will not be moved. The concern of the Ministry is that even if the land is deeded to ISKCON, will there be sufficient manpower and devotional care provided for these cows or will it just become out of site out of mind. Most of the devotees consider the location of this land to be in a dangerous area and it is not on a road which goes to any pilgrimage sites. Therefore the number of devotees visiting the goshalla will decrease. We have discussed with the Vrndavana management and the ISKCON Governing Body Commission (GBC) that it is ISKCON Law 507 that no cows can be moved from an ISKCON goshalla unless approved by this Ministry. In this case, the move as presently proposed, is not beneficial for the cows and we do not approve of it. Discussions are on going with the VEB. It is a fact that the cows need more land, but all pertinent questions about any land must have positive answers.

The purpose of this Ministry is to advise the GBC on cow protection within ISKCON so that the cows are truly protected. We are in continued correspondence with the Vrndavana Management and pray that our advise will be heeded.

There is a quote from Srila Prabhupada:

"Our cow protection program in India should be the exemplary standard for the whole world." Letter to: Devakinandana, Mayapur April 8, 1975

This is why we feel the cow protection programs in India are of special importance; especially in such holy places such as Vrndavana and

Mayapur where thousands of pilgrims come to visit on a regular basis. Such programs can become exemplary by focusing on the development of the goshalla and its preaching attributes such as: development and usage of cow urine medication, methane gas, cow dung fertilizers, cow urine based herbicides and pesticides, breeding programs of indigenous breeds to once again have animals best suited for the their area, training bullocks for agricultural use and general use, for local parikrama and bullock cart sankirtan, education and training of Gurukula children in how to take care of the cows in a Krsna Conscious goshalla setting, on site training courses for local farmers in cow dung and cow urine usage in village agriculture and the importance of using the bullocks in their farming practices, seed bank for open pollinated seeds of all varieties so that the local farmers can once again grow the old time proven varieties of grain and vegetables which are best suited for their area and not be dependent on hybrid seeds and petrochemical fertilizers,

With all these programs in place the goshallas would be a dynamic hub of preaching activity centered at the lotus feet of Krsna Balaram and Srila Prabhupada. The goshalla would draw countless visitors and would be seen as an example of a goshalla not based on milk production but on a holistic cow care scheme.

Care For Cows/Kurma Rupa Prabhu

Kurma Rupa prabhu started a few years ago protecting a few cows who were roaming the street outside the

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Thank You for Contributing During the Fiscal Year 2002

(1/02 - 12/02)

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| Anonymous..... | \$4,000.00 |
| ISKCON Governing Body Commission..... | \$3,480.00 |
| Goraksha Seva (New Vrndavana)..... | \$2,765.99 |
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ASSOCIATES (\$999.00 - \$500.00)

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| Lorraine S. Dove..... | \$..700.00 |
| David Thiessen..... | \$..500.00 |
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NON CASH GIFTS

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| Kathik Venkataramani.....Scanner |
| Rajaram Venkataramani...Second Hand Labtop |
| Madhurya lila dd (Accounting consultation) |
| Madhava Gosh d.....Canning jars |

A Short Review of 2002 ISCOWP Activities

Inner Organization

The year of 2002 was a year of stabilizing the foundation of ISCOWP.

One way we did this was to begin to establish office operations that are up to date and can be operated by volunteers without a lot of training. We established a new and easily operational database, a new computer with some new software and CD burner. Our original database was continually giving us problems mainly because of its age. The CD burner enables us to give disks to our printers which in turn creates a better end product and less work for the ISCOWP office.

Due to the help of Madhurya Lila dd we reviewed all back tax reports to the IRS and got everything up to date and officially correct. We now are able to use a shorter form of tax report which also saves the ISCOWP office time. Madhurya Lila dd gave the ISCOWP office some hints and shortcuts to working with our financial software, Quicken.

We refinanced the land mortgage at the bank and got a lower interest rate and by-monthly payments that help to reduce the interest more quickly. We have about \$35,000 left on the mortgage and we are trying to pay that off in 5 years. As you know Balabhadra works a night job to pay the mortgage and our personal bills. The biggest expense is the mortgage and as soon as that is paid, Balabhadra has the chance to quit his night job and spend all his time on cow protection.

We also got insurance on all the buildings and land so that in case there is a fire or other disaster, your investment in the property is not lost.

International

The year of 2000 was a year of increased international influence. As reported in ISCOWP News 12 Issue 3, ISCOWP made its first trip to India. This trip resulted in increased knowledge and connections with persons who are experienced in cow protection and the development of cow urine and dung medicinal products. We feel the development of such medicines can revolutionize cow protection world wide. The production and sale of these products provide a means of supporting cow protection that is not dependent on breeding or age of the cows. The milk production for economic base leads to overpopulation and thus considering the unproductive cows and oxen to be a burden. In India there is already a revived market for these products. How this can also be implemented in the West is a work for this and future years. It is also a continuing work to spread this knowledge and conviction to all cow protectors. This year's (2003) trip, reported on this issue, furthered this endeavor.

Spreading this knowledge within ISKCON as well as out side of ISKCON is the challenge. To this end Cow Protection, Book 1 was compiled and used as the textbook for the first official cow seminar given in Mayapur, India by Balabhadra and Suresvara. This book can also be used as a practical information guide about the essential aspects of cow protection. It is the hope that many more seminars will be given in the years to come. This will become more a possibility when Balabhadra is able to retire from his night job.

Home Front

Funds were collected in the year 2002 to build a pole barn to shelter hay and ox power equipment. The campaign was begun in July 2002 and goes through to July 2003. This year we will begin the construction of this building. We decided to put this building where the old dilapidated farm house now stands. So we must tear down that building before constructing the barn. We feel that although many more buildings can be constructed, we will for now concentrate on completing our self sufficient farm endeavors and training of persons interested in cow protection and other self sufficient arts. In light of the current world events these practices are most important to more people than ever before. We have been working in the direction of developing Vrajapura farm as a training center for such endeavors. To this end the buildings have been a necessary part of that direction.

As you know every year we have a large garden by which we preserve foodstuffs for ourselves and for some of our members. Each year we try new crops and different recipes and ways of preserving foods. In the year of 2002 we began more extensive preserving of dried goods which are less expensive than can foods to ship. The weather conditions were poor last year throughout the country for agricultural purposes. So, our endeavors were not as extensive as we had hoped. We pray this year (2003) we will have better conditions that will enable us to expand our gardens and dried food endeavors. We are planning on more herbal products besides a variety of dried foodstuffs. Canning is still the desired preserving method for a variety of food preparations especially for our own consumption.

ISCOWP Profit & Loss Statement

From Quicken Financial Software 1/1/02 –12/31/02

INCOME

Consult Service.....\$900.00

Feed Re ISKCON.....\$581.29

Gift Received:

Bhaktivedanta Manor\$1,525.00

GBC.....3,480.00

Members.....58,308.89

TOTAL Gift Received.....\$63,313.89

Reimbursement.....\$18.00

Uncategorized Income.....\$300.00

TOTAL INCOME.....\$65,113.18

EXPENSES

Animal Care:

Feed.....\$1,186.09

Medical.....258.06

TOTAL Animal Care.....\$1,444.15

Auto:

Insurance.....\$2,093.75

Parts.....353.45

Repair.....2,217.00

Tags.....31.00

Taxes.....38.90

Tires.....476.00

TOTAL Auto.....\$5,210.10

Be reimbursed.....\$177.00

Farm Operation:

Barn Construc.....\$1,084.40

Electricity.....200.00

Equip, Hay Shed.....1,104.23

Equipment.....405.73

Fencing.....1,458.96

Garden.....274.12

Insurance.....413.09

Labor.....1,822.14

Land.....29,305.26

Road Construc.....541.15

Seed.....34.93

Water bill.....37.20

TOTAL Farm Operation.....\$36,681.21

Membership Development:

Canning.....\$17.95

Cookies.....33.94

Dehydrators.....407.44

Entertaining.....56.06

Gifts.....111.95

Gifts, postage.....888.46

Internet.....309.39

Photos.....74.07

Postage.....501.88

Analysis of 2002 Financial Year

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| Printing..... | 753.47 |
| Translation/Russian Web Page..... | 680.00 |
| Travel..... | 3,647.39 |
| TOTAL Member Development..... | \$7,482.00 |
| Miscel..... | \$122.00 |
| Office: | |
| Computer Repair..... | \$167.92 |
| Hardware..... | 572.46 |
| Labor..... | 332.50 |
| Software..... | 302.88 |
| Supplies..... | 496.19 |
| Tax Prep..... | 13.12 |
| Telephone..... | 82.08 |
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| TOTAL Office..... | \$1,967.15 |
| Service Charge..... | \$37.89 |
| Tax, : | |
| Local..... | 85.68 |
| State..... | 25.00 |
| TOTAL Tax..... | \$110.68 |
| Uncategorized Expenses..... | 0.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES..... | \$53,232.18 |
| TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES..... | \$11,881.00 |

INCOME

This year an anonymous donor gave \$29,305.26 which was used towards paying off the mortgage. There is approximately \$35,000 left to pay off the mortgage for the 165 acres. To this end Balabhadra works a night job to pay the regular monthly mortgage payments and sells firewood to put as much extra money on the mortgage as possible so it will be paid off as soon as possible. In the year 2002 we put \$2000 towards the mortgage from firewood sales. Balabhadra would like to pay off the mortgage in 5 years at which time he could possibly retire from his night job. He will be 62 years old.

Monies from Bhaktivedanta Manor in England and the Governing Body Commission of ISKCON (GBC) were given to the ISKCON Ministry for Cow Protection and Agriculture, a department of ISCOWP, to primarily represent the cows at the GBC meetings and to report, inspect and research cow protection in India. ISCOWP News Vol 12 Issue 1 gave a full report of that trip. Some of the 2002 monies given by the GBC were used by Balabhadra's for his recent trip (2003) to India which is reported about in this ISCOWP issue.

In exchange for caring for some of New Vrndavana's cows we are supplied feed for them either directly from New Vrndavana fields or bought hay paid for by New Vrndavana. Balabhadra is consulted on land sales and usage, cow and agricultural topics and cares personally for 20 animals from New Vrndavana. Hence the consultation fees given by New Vrndavana.

The bulk of income came from you, our donors, to carry on the many activities of ISCOWP and to build a new building to store the hay and equipment. Note that we had \$11,232.18 left at the end of the year which mostly will go towards the new building. Pledges are still being fulfilled towards this project and we will keep you informed as to how it proceeds.

EXPENSE

The first category of "Animal care" is fairly self explanatory-just feed and medical.

The second category of "Auto" represent 3 farm trucks.

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ISCOWP Travels to India
for Cow Protection

are not centered around milk production, we are not considered a dairy or

airport and with some detective work found B.R. Thakur and other persons who Balabhadra wanted to meet.



Photo 1: Balabhadra das visiting Kurma Rupa's "Care for Cows" facility in Vrndavana

ISKCON Vrndavana temple. He is now using land that is owned by the Vrndavana Food for Life and has under his care 56 animals. All of these animals have been hurt or abandoned. (Photo 1) His program has an excellent reputation and support in the local area. His sincere and attentive concern for the animals under his care was evident upon our first visit to his facility.

Taking seriously the concept that cow protection is not only about milk production, Kurma Rupa prabhu gave Balabhadra a bottle of cow urine shampoo that he made from the urine of one of his cows. You can view some of his cows and more about this project at careforcows.org

A few lines from their recent pamphlet: "We provide stray cows hay, flour, fresh grass, medical attention and a place where they can recuperate from injuries. Since our activities

goshalla. Unfortunately, such abandoned cows are easily abducted and transported in very inhumane ways to the growing number of slaughterhouses in India. There is an urgent need to provide shelter, food, and care for the innocent cows wandering Krishna's holy land. "

Kurma Rupa's cow care facility is ever expanding due to the number of injured cows turned out by their owners. This facility is worthy of any assistance anybody would like to offer. You can be rest assured that whatever you give will be used for the cows.

Indore

The next stop was Indore. We have been corresponding with Indian gentlemen, B.R. Thakur, who has been involved in cow protection for many years. This is the first time we had the opportunity to meet him. Bhakta Rupa Prabhu (BSD) met Balabhadra at the

Balabhadra was very fortunate to first meet with a number of trustees of the Manava Muni Go Raksha Trust. Pictured on the bottom of the front page of this newsletter starting from left to right are Mrs. Baharli Dubey, Rajesh Goyal, and Pawan Ruthare.

Balabhadra was given a tour of their 6 acres facilities, 12 kilometers outside of Indore. They are currently looking after 65 cows who have been saved from going to the slaughterhouse. Their facilities were very clean, the cows looked after very nicely, and the cows were affectionate and not afraid of meeting Balabhadra, a stranger to them. Every morning and evening bhajans (spiritual music) are played on the PA system in the cow shed. Their goal is to eventually look after a thousand animals. The basic foundation work to extend the cow shed is already in place.

The inspiration for this project has been the late respected Shri Murarilalji Tiwari and his desire to prove that cows can be maintained by their dung and urine. Balabhadra was most fortunate to meet Dr. Urmila Tiwari, the daughter of Shri Murarilalji who is also a trustee of the Trust. At present people running cow therapy centers are purchasing urine of desi cows for Rs. 5/-per liter and the cost of dung and urine of the cow is able to fetch Rs.50/-per day per cow if kept systematically and well attended. So, the economic future of Indian Agriculture and cow-rearing units is very well assured for a better future.

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We then located a man by the name

of Virendra Kumar Jain who is very prominent in the development of cow urine medicines in India. He gave Balabhadra several hours of his time and Balabhadra signed up to be a distributor of his line of cow urine medicine.

At the Cow Urine Therapy and Research Institute, research is done by Virendra Kumar Jain including the constituents of cow urine, the effect cow urine has on numerous diseases, and the methods of taking cow urine. Every morning about 3 to 4 hundred persons visit the research center and are given purely filtered urine from

Virendra Kumar Jain gave us detailed directions to B. R. Thakur's residence. He is a retired lawyer and English Professor and who has been involved with cow protection for many years. Balabhadra enjoyed lunch at his house where he met a good number of his family members and his wonderful cows who live in the courtyard of his house. B.R. Thakur then took Balabhadra to meet a dear friend of his, Mr. N. H. Shah, (photo 2) who is a prominent businessman and protecting 40 cows at his home. He takes care of them just as he would his own children.

his visit to Indore. Bhakta Rupa prabhu has a degree in diary management and is very interested in cow protection. One of his goals is to have a center based on healing arts, cow protection and harmonious village life.

Mysore

Jai Caitanya's project in Mysore was the next destination on the trip (Photo 3). In Vol 12 Issue 2 we had an article about this project submitted by Labangalatika dasi. Balabhadra, accompanied by Labangalatika and her husband Prakash, spent two days



Photo 2: Mrs. and Mr. N. H. Shah, B. R. Thakur and friend and two of the 40 cows the Shahs care for at their home.

their desi cows in the morning between 7 to 8 AM. This is being done entirely free and advice is also given for various cures and treatments on a charity basis on behalf of the Trust. They have also prepared certain medicines from cow's urine, dung and Ayurvedic herbs. "

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If you would like to also contact B.R. Thakur who had worked under Sir Alfred Howard in developing the famous Indore Composting method please refer to the following: B. R. Thakur, C-115 Sangam Nagar, Indore -6 410942 India

The last evening Balabhadra was there most of the people he met came to the temple to meet with him again and they were able to take darshan of Sri Sri Radha Govinda. Bhakta Rupa Prabhu is a gem of a devotee and it was a great boon to Balabhadra to have his association and help during

at the Mysore farm. This project is a wonderful example of helping the surrounding villagers engage in sustainable agriculture and Krsna Consciousness. Jai Caitanya's project has 120 acres of land of which he has 90% in cultivation, certified organic. They are growing bananas, coconuts, rice, sugarcane, vanilla, pepper, sandalwood, teakwood, oak, a variety of vegetables, patchouli, a variety of tropical fruits, saffron, mangoes, cashews, tamarind, henna, gugal, jackfruit, avocados, cloves, allspice, cinnamon, rose apples, cocoa, neem, and mahogany. This is only a partial

list. There are 40 cows and bullocks, currently 2 young teams of bullocks are being used. They are using cow urine with herbs as pesticides, and they are also utilizing cow dung and herbs according to biodynamic formulations of the Rudolf Steiner method. Astrological implementation is followed for planting, fertilization, harvesting, and pest control. The atmosphere was very peaceful and Jai Caitanya has also organized 300 village farmers who are now growing crops for him on their own certified organic properties.

Getting the farm to produce is only the first step. The next step is the successful harvesting and processing of the harvest whether it be for self use or for marketing. The processing of the harvest is very critical. Balabhadra was continuously impressed by the timely harvesting and by the high quality of the processing for optimum end quality product.

Mayapur

The Mayapur goshalla is making some improvement. They now have 2 teams of oxen in training whereas for years they had none. They are also distributing distilled cow urine products from their cows, to support the goshalla and help move away from

drink cow urine. Not only does he drink cow urine but everyone in the entourage drinks cow urine. Cow urine and its medicinal properties are now getting much attention in Mayapur.

Balabhadra partook of the morning cow urine with Jayapataka Maharaja



Top (Photo 3): Composting is done all over the Mysore farm. In this photo the compost piles are in between sections of sugarcane. The next crop of sugarcane will be planted where the compost piles are.



Left (Photo 4): a group of 3 to 6 month old calves in the Mayapur Goshalla.

As Balabhadra toured from one aspect of the farm to another Jai Caitanya would be approached by his men in charge with questions. His answers were always intelligently thought out based on his commitment to quality. If you would like to get in touch with Jai Caitanaya, his e-mail address is: jnk@blr.vsnl.net.in

milk production as the main means to support their herd. These are points that we have been strongly promoting.

Jayapataka Maharaja, GBC of Mayapur, has been told by his doctor to drink cow urine every day to improve his health. So, every morning, with entourage, Jayapataka Maharaja goes to the Mayapur goshalla to

on several occasions and noted that the urine from each cow tasted different. From each cow the urine had its own distinctive flavor.

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Balabhadra and Suresvara gave a seminar on cow protection in Mayapur that was attended by students from around the world. They

held classes in one of the huts (Photo 5) in the gurukula gardens next to the goshalla. The course consisted of the philosophical reasons for cow protection and the practical problems and solutions of implementing cow protection within and without ISKCON. The first 2 days were in this academic classroom setting. Pancaratna prabhu came one afternoon and explained about his CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) development in Alachua. The following two days contained classes of a hands-on nature in living classroom settings. At the Mayapur goshalla, Balabhadra demonstrated the art of hand milking and then each student milked a cow, most for the first time (Photo 7). There was also a demonstration of field preparation at Hrimati dasi's property using her ox and a local ox (Photo 6). As Tahir, the local ox teamster plowed the earth by Hrimati dasi's hut, Balabhadra explained the process to the students. If Balabhadra was teaching this course at Vrajapura Farm (ISCOWP headquarters), he would be demonstrating practically with his own trained teams. It was interesting to note that

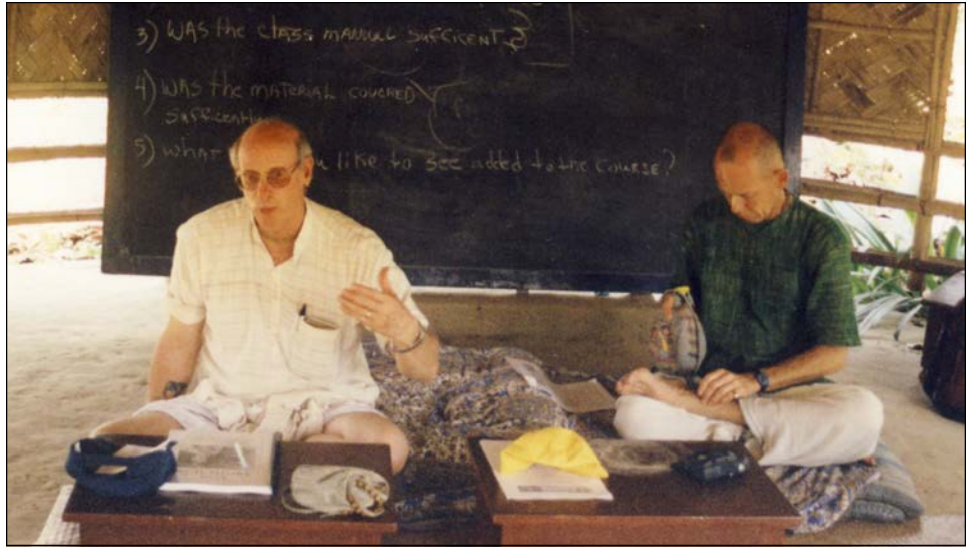


Photo 5: Balabhadra on the left and Suresvara on the right. They taught a cow protection course as part of the MIHE (Mayapur Institute for Higher Education) course offerings held in February at Mayapur, India.

the local teamster controlled his animals (the white ones) by voice commands

The textbook was a success and well received. It does seem that it can be used as a basis for a course taught by someone who has familiarity with the subject. Considering that Balabhadra can not travel widely at this time, we

wrote the textbook with the consideration that other persons besides Balabhadra can use it as the basis for a course on cow protection. We were told that the book was the "talk of the MIHE" (Mayapur Institute for Higher Education).

At the end of the course the students were asked to write what they thought of the course. Most students wanted more practical instructions and more visual aids. This was very helpful to know so we can formulate the next course. It was a question in our minds whether students who wanted to take the course were more interested in academic classroom discussion or hands-on living classroom settings. From the comments of the students it appears that a 50/50 combination of academic and hands-on (possibly more on the hands-on) would be a good balance. The book was considered comprehensive and helpful and that if some video were shown it would enhance the material. We actually have a video that would have been useful.

Here are some of the comments when asked what realizations were gotten from the course: Kirtiraj das



Photo 6: Hrimati dasi's home in the background. Balaram, Hrimati dasi's ox is on the left, Tahir, the local ox teamster in the middle and his ox on the right.

from California: "How extremely important cow protection is on every level of human life from sustaining the body to perfection of life by self realization, in other words Krishna consciousness. It can be done! Not some time in the future but right

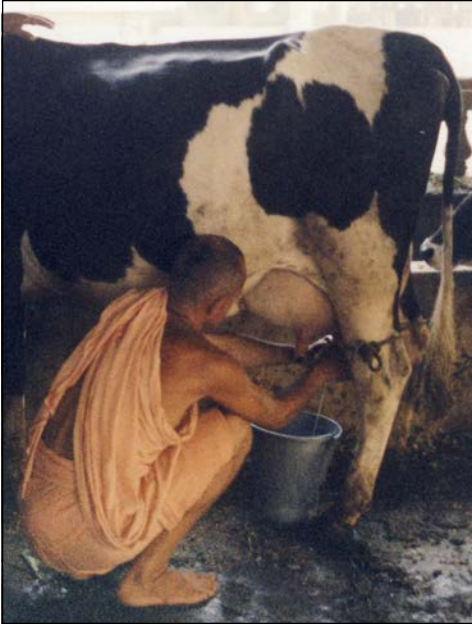


Photo 7: Student Devarsi das learning to milk a cow.

now. Simply by educating and preaching and inspiring others. Actually, the resources are available for starting cow protection and Brahminical culture. Devarsi from Mayapur: "Thank you so much for introducing me to the cow and bull in such a personal and affectionate way. There is such a great need of educating in our society and more involvement of our ISKCON communities with the goshallas, in particular the children need to take the cows' association. The class manual is amazing and we thank you so much for sharing the fruit of all your service from so many years. A labor of love. It is touching. We have enough to implement for our whole life."

Conclusion

By visiting the established cow protectors who are not members of ISKCON within India, we are trying to connect their knowledge and experience with the cow protectors in ISKCON. There have been visitations from the ISKCON devotees to some of the places we have mentioned and they are gaining by the knowledge and understanding they have of cow protection. India is a special country in the fact that there are many such persons convinced about cow protection. We hope also to gain by associating with such persons and implement some of their knowledge here in the West.

There is a tremendous push in India to ban the slaughter of animals, especially the cows and bulls. Of course there is the religious, spiritual, reasons for not killing the innocent animals, which weigh heavily in the argument against the slaughter of the cows and bulls. Another argument is based on the economic importance of the cow and bull. The fact is that the cow and bull are more valuable alive than dead. If a person sells his cow for Rs./ 1000 he will be the loser economically and spiritually. If a cow is not giving milk but the owner is able to sell the urine for Rs./5 per liter he can collect 4 or 5 liters of urine daily and realize Rs./ 20-25 daily which is the cost of supporting a dry cow or bull. Also if the dung is collected it can be sold as fertilizer or dried into cakes and sold as cooking fuel. The urine has been sold for medicinal purposes which cover the cost of maintaining the animal and the sale of the dung is in the profit column for the owner. Lets say that the urine and dung is bringing the owner Rs./50 daily, it would take only 20 days to realize the Rs./1000 that he would have received for selling his animal for slaughter. The cow and bull are more value alive than dead.

(Continued from page 10) Analysis of 2002 Financial Year

Each one has a different capacity to perform different kinds of farm work. All 3 are old vehicles.

The third category of "Farm Operation" represents the activities at Vrajapura Farm. The "Barn Construction" sub category represents painting the old barn roof and water proofing the new barn's outside walls.

The "Equipment/Hay Shed" sub category represents the new building that will store the equipment and hay. All the tin needed for the roof has been bought with these monies.

The subcategory of "Insurance" represents the insurance for the entire farm, its buildings, animals and land.

The "Labor" sub category represents local labor we hire when we can to do heavy work that Balabhadra should not do due to his back.

The sub category of "Land" represents the \$29,305.26 donation that was given to paying the mortgage.

The next major category is "Membership Development" which represents all the services and interactions with our members and activities reaching out to potential members and supporters.

The largest sub category of expense in this category is travel to India (\$3,647.39) which represents both the Bhaktivedanta Manor's and the GBC's donations to this cause.

We feel the rest of the expenses are self explanatory but if you have any questions, please let us know.



ISCOWP Headquarters

From left to right: office with gardens in front, barns, residence, cabin (can not be seen in this photo)

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