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ANIMAL WELFARE

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Dear Readers,

Welcome to this Edition of Cathedral Cares 2025! Over the past year, this newsletter has celebrated the tireless efforts of numerous charitable organisations across India. Cathedral Cares has inspired students from every grade at the Cathedral and John Connon Senior School to volunteer and channel their energy into making a tangible difference in addressing global and local challenges.

This edition's theme is Animal Welfare and Protection: Every year, millions of animals in India face neglect, abuse, and habitat loss, while countless strays struggle for food, shelter, and care. From street rescues and rehabilitation centres to sanctuaries and advocacy groups, organisations across the country are striving to give animals the dignity and compassion they deserve. The groups featured in this edition represent just a fraction of the extraordinary work being done to protect our fellow living beings. By joining hands with them, you can help spread awareness, support adoption and rehabilitation drives, and contribute to building safer environments for animals.

Every action, whether it is volunteering, donating, or simply being kinder to the animals around you, pushes us one step closer to a society where compassion is extended to all living creatures. We sincerely hope you take the time to support this cause and play your part in ensuring a future where animals are not just protected, but truly cherished.

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WORLD FOR ALL

By Yatee Jaiswal

Founded in 2009, World For All (WFA) began with a simple dream- to give street animals a safe and loving home. Today it is one of Mumbai's leading animal welfare organisations. Their mission is to create a world where every stray is cared for, protected and adopted into a family.

Can you believe that one of the largest adoption camps in India was organised by WFA, finding homes for almost 120 cats and dogs in just a single day?

“Adopt, don’t shop,” is their call to action. Every adoption means one less stray struggling to survive. Every volunteer hour brings warmth to an animal’s life.

WFA has found homes for over 17,000 animals since its inception. Dogs, cats, and injured or disabled strays have been given a second chance at life. Their flagship adoption camps, held across the city, connect hundreds of families with pets who need them most. It’s not just about adoption- it’s about compassion and humanity.

But WFA does more. Their rescue team responds to distress calls daily, saving animals from accidents, abuse and illness. They run vaccination and sterilisation drives to reduce suffering on the streets. Alongside working for the welfare of animals, they also conduct awareness programs in schools that help children learn the value of empathy towards animals.

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Students can contribute by signing up as volunteers through:

Adoption Camps- Help at monthly adoption drives by helping families connect with animals looking for homes.

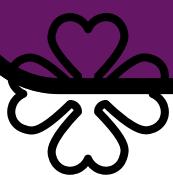
Fostering- Temporarily care for rescued puppies, kittens and recovering animals until they are adopted.

Rescue and First Aid- Join the emergency response team to help injured or distressed animals on the streets.

Awareness Drives- Spread WFA's message in schools, colleges and public spaces to promote kindness towards animals.

Fundraising and Events- Participate in campaigns that raise funds for medicine, food and shelter.

For more information, contact info@worldforall.in or visit worldforall.in.



WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TRUST

By Shriya Kothari

Founded in 2002, Wildlife Conservation Trust was established as a Public Charitable Trust in Mumbai, aiming to protect India's various ecosystems in a sustainable manner. WCT works in and around 160 protected areas as of now, covering 82% of our country's tiger reserves, 24% of its national parks and sanctuaries and influencing around 3.5 million people, all across 27 different states.



They tackle a different approach to conservation - recognizing the interconnectivity between local communities and the wild, reducing the human-wildlife conflict by not only focusing on wildlife conservation, but also visiting local communities and empowering students and teachers on the basis of conserving the wild. A monumental organization working closely with forest departments, they often team up to help bridge loopholes in their protection mechanisms, providing necessary equipment, as well as training ground staff and spreading awareness.



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WCT's research and monitoring team conducts surveys and estimation in and around protected areas regularly, and also partner up and support grassroot NGOs in initiating region-specific conservation. One of its most notable efforts is the Save Our Tigers campaign, a renowned partnership with NDTV, Aircel and Sanctuary Asia, which has reached over 100 million people worldwide and raised 95 million rupees for tiger conservation.

Did you know that WCT's trustee board has notable names such as Bittu Sahgal and Cathedral Alumni Aditi and Shuchi Kothari?

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For more information:

Click here to visit their website and learn more

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WELFARE OF STRAY DOGS

By Aryana Putcha

Founded in 1985, Welfare of Stray Dogs (WSD) is one of Mumbai's pioneering organisations dedicated to improving the lives of street animals. Their mission is simple yet powerful - create a healthier, safer city for both people and dogs through humane and sustainable solutions. Over the years, WSD has sterilised and vaccinated tens of thousands of dogs, dramatically reducing the incidence of rabies in Mumbai. Their on-ground rescue team responds daily to cases of injured, sick or abandoned dogs, ensuring timely veterinary treatment and rehabilitation. Alongside this, they run adoption and fostering programs, helping rescued dogs find loving homes. Education is a cornerstone of their work. WSD conducts regular awareness sessions in schools and communities to build compassion and understanding towards street animals. Their model of sterilization, vaccination and public engagement has become a reference point for humane stray animal management across India.

WSD has sterilised and vaccinated over 1,00,000 stray dogs, rescued and treated countless sick and injured animals, drastically reduced rabies cases in Mumbai and helped hundreds of dogs find loving homes through their adoption program.



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Volunteers are always welcome to join their mission - whether it's helping at adoption camps, assisting with rescue work, supporting awareness programs, or simply spending time with the dogs at their centres. To be one of them - you can write to wsd@wsdindia.org or visit wsdindia.org.

Please support, donate and volunteer to help their cause - to continue making a lasting difference for Mumbai's strays!

JAI VAKEEL

By Yash Bhatia

Founded in 1944, the Jai Vakeel Foundation is India's oldest and largest non-profit working in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Established in Mumbai, the Foundation has been a pioneer in providing education, healthcare, skill development, and support to children and adults with IDD, empowering them and their families to live with dignity and independence.

Currently, Jai Vakeel serves over 800 individuals daily, offering holistic care through classrooms, therapy centres, medical clinics, vocational training units, and inclusive community programs. With a focus on nurturing potential rather than limiting possibilities, the Foundation has become a lifeline for thousands of families across India.



The Foundation's approach goes beyond charity; it is about creating sustainable change. By training teachers, partnering with healthcare professionals, and raising awareness about inclusion, Jai Vakeel builds bridges between communities and individuals with IDD. One of their most impactful initiatives is the vocational training and livelihood program, where beneficiaries create high-quality handcrafted products such as bags, candles, soaps, stationery, and festive gifts. These products, available through their online shop, not only showcase their talent but also provide them with financial independence. Jai Vakeel also works closely with government bodies, corporate partners, and grassroots organizations to strengthen support systems and advocate for better policies. Their work is not just about care, it is about changing mindsets and building an inclusive society where every individual is valued.

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How You Can Support Jai Vakeel:

Donate: Contributions help provide education, therapy, and healthcare for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

Shop with Purpose: Explore their online store, where products made by Jai Vakeel's vocational unit directly support sustainable livelihoods.

Spread Awareness: Share their story and encourage others to support inclusion.

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