

Langur snatches boy's roti in viral video as father films; the Internet calls out 'bad parenting'

A viral video showing a father ignoring his child's distress during an encounter with a monkey has sparked backlash online.

A video of a boy crying after a langur snatches a roti from his hands has gone viral. In the 37-second clip, the langur climbs down from a terrace, grabs the roti from the boy's hands, and begins eating it beside him. As the startled child starts crying, the langur munches on the stolen roti.

The boy's father, instead of comforting his son or stepping in, continues filming. The man is heard saying, "Baithe raho, kaatega nahi" (Keep sitting, he won't bite). As the child sobs, a woman, possibly the man's wife, can be heard saying, "Arre woh ro raha hai. Hataa lo" (He is crying, take him away), but the father responds with a casual, "Nahi kaatega. Papa hai toh" (He won't bite. His father is here).

The video was posted on X by the account "Ghar Ke Kalesh" with the caption, "Wholesome Kalesh b/w a Monkey and a Kid." The video has garnered over 776,000 views, and many comments.

Wholesome Kalesh b/w a Monkey and a Kid: pic.twitter.com/kjbaAyL7Ky

— Ghar Ke Kalesh (@gharkekalesh) May 16, 2025

X users were not amused by the father's behaviour, with many calling him out for "bad parenting". One user wrote, "The person filming is completely irresponsible. That animal could've harmed the child." Another user said, "Bad parenting. Even if the monkey seems harmless, the kid doesn't know that. This could be traumatic." A third user wrote, "The father should be jailed for endangering his child. This is worrying."

Some users shared encounters they have had with monkeys, with one commenter writing, "Same happened to me when I was four. But I didn't give up my samosa!"

This isn't an isolated incident. Monkeys have become infamous for their thieving skills. Recently, a monkey in Vrindavan snatched a Samsung S25 Ultra smartphone and refused to give it back until someone offered it a juice box. The monkey dropped the phone only after drinking the juice.