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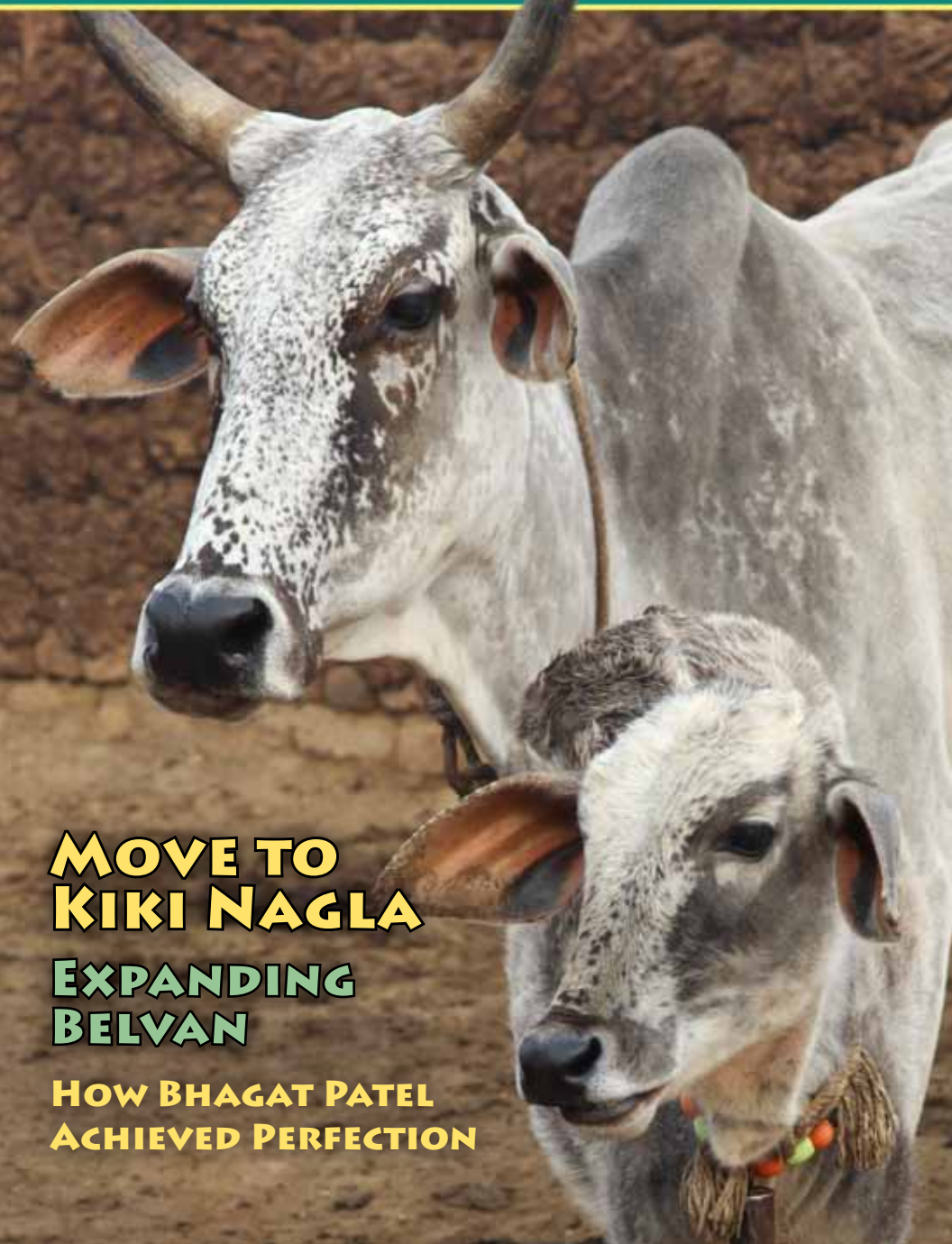
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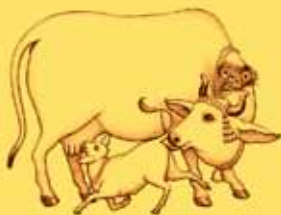
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Jaya Sri Guru! Jaya Sri Gopala!
Jaya Sri Go Mata!

Dear Friends,

"Meat is not born of grass, wood or rock... it arises from killing a living being. Thus, there is fault. The beloved, sincere, truthful gods have in hand oblations, sacrificial offerings, and nectar. (By contrast), consider the tortuous, unrighteous ways of flesh-eaters.

O King, in not eating meat one goes without fear in moonlight or in the dreadful, dangerous darkness or in the twilight approach of night or at the crossroads or in the assemblies of people. If there were no meat-eaters, there would be no killers. A meat-eating man is a killer indeed, causing death for the purpose of food. If meat were considered not to be food, there would be no violence. Violence is done to animals for the sake of the meat-eater only. Because the life of violent ones is shortened, one who wishes long life for himself should refuse meat, O splendid one. Those fierce ones who do violence to life are not able to go for protection (when they need it). They are to be feared by beings as beasts of prey." *Anushashana-parvan Chap.116*

Mahabharata,[26-32]1

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~ PRIYA'S CALF ~



MOVE TO

As mentioned in our last issue, Rupa Raghunath of Vrindavan Food for Life offered to host our milking herd (numbering twenty-two cows and as many calves) in their Kiki Nagla complex which includes a school, hospital, paper recycling unit and organic vegetable gardens. The modifications of the one-acre area

were kindly donated by Jayant & Alka Mashru (U.K.) in loving memory of their Mother Ruxmani Ben Mashru.

As cows do not like change, it was an ordeal to get them to move here. After a lot of confusion and bellowing they all settled into their new home which is better than the last one and is only two



KIKI NAGLA

kilometers further down the Sundrakh Road.

After the trauma of moving which lasted three hours, we let the cows and calves spend the whole afternoon together and it turned out to be like a milk-drinking contest. The barnyard became full

**Cow sheds
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Padmini and her calf



Vanamali & Vilasini

of auspicious omens as the calves nursed from their respective mothers.

The milk of these cows nourishes the Deities of the Sri Sri Krsna-Balaram Mandir and 150 infants in the nursery of the Sandipani Muni School. But to celebrate the successful move, the calves got to indulge to their full satisfaction.



Above





Above: Karuna; Below: Padmanandini



Above: Rani; Below: Gambhira





Above: Priya; Below: Chitra





Padmini has the honor of nursing two calves at once.



When the calves nurse enthusiastically the action churns the milk and it becomes foamy much like whipped cream. Calves whose mouths are decorated with this foam are immediately licked clean by other calves anxious to get the foam.



The *Mahabharata* describes the history of Upamanyu who would pasture the cows of his teacher and never got to take his meal with the other students. When asked how he remained so stout, he replied that he took the milk foam on the calves mouths.



After nursing her bull calf, Mohini sits to rest while her calf insistantly nudges her in the attempt to get her to stand so he can drink more milk.



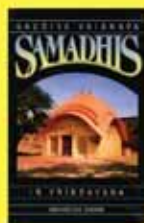
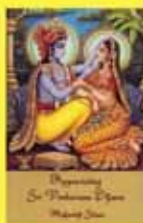
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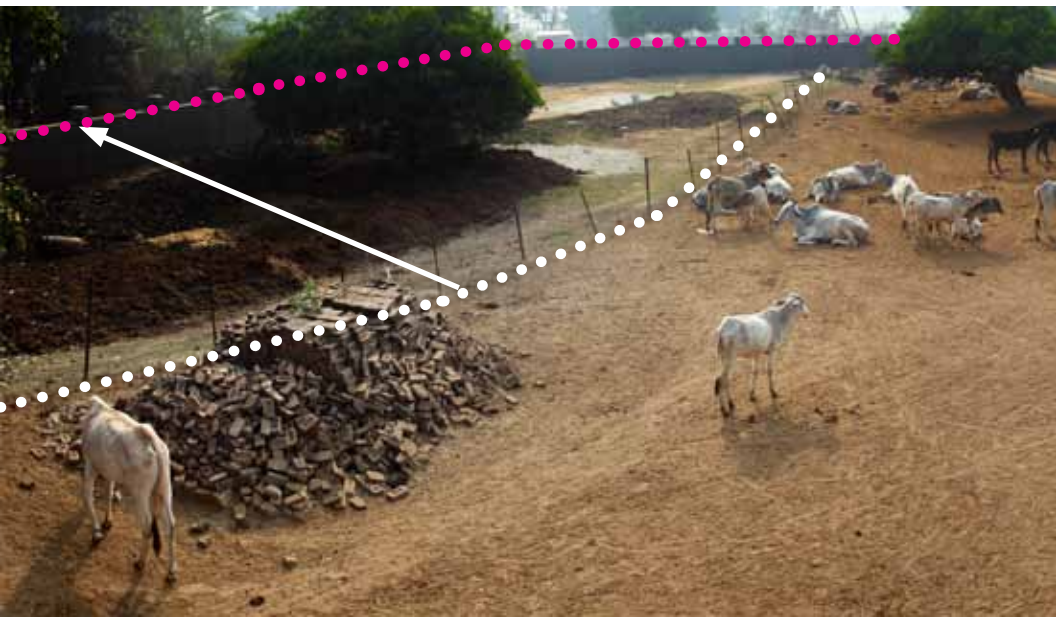
In preparation of moving more cows to Belvan, we have built a brick wall enclosing a two-acre area expanding the barnyard considerably. Within the next two weeks, we plan to move about eighty more cows here and are also considering developing another three acres nearby.

Belvan has only one road and very few cars come here. The atmosphere is rural and the Yamuna River is only three to five hundred meters from the *goshalla*

yet it has never flooded.

The new wall will offer greater security and assure that the residents do not sneak out into the farmers fields while they are planted. I

n the next phase we will develop a feeding area within this compound for the calves and weaker residents so they do not have to compete so much to feed. We will also make feeders and another water tank for the invalid residents.









These five sets of photos show how several of our bulls have changed during their four years of living in Belvan. Top Left set is Dauji; Left Middle set is his younger brother Chandrasekhar; Lower Left set is Govardhana Puja; Above is Sravan; and below is Dvarka.

Life at Belvan is simple and the residents get to graze in the vacant agricultural fields for four months each year. That, the clean air, no noise and natural ambience created by hundreds of birds and peacocks makes for a healthy environment for them. I think the Belvan herd is Care for Cows' happiest.





Sri Nathaji

HOW BHAGAT PATEL ACHIEVED PERFECTION

From a lecture by Sri Rajendra Das ji Maharaj published in *Kalyan* magazine, Gita Press, Gorakhpur. Translated by Satyadeva Singh)

Bhagat Patel was a simple, humble, truthful and illiterate *go-mata sevak* who lived in Jatipura on Govardhana Hill. Sri Vittalnathji Maharaj (son of Mahaprabhu Vallbhacarya) gave him *diksha* and awarded him the position of serving cows in the *goshalla* of Sri Nathaji.

During one rainy season there was continuous downpouring for several days and nights. It was very difficult for Bhagat as he couldn't take the cows out for grazing in the forest. They had to stay in the *goshalla* and consequently it became filled with their dung and urine. But

nevermind, Bhagat Patel spent those days cleaning up after the cows.

At that time Sri Nathji was staying in His temple on Govardhana Hill in Jatipura and all the servants there were fortunate to daily honor His *prasadam*. Bhagat was told by Gosai ji Maharaj that he should take his *prasadam* in the temple. Bhagat's fellow cowherdmen would go to the temple right after completing their duties while Bhagat stayed behind taking special care of the cows. Often, when he arrived late for his meal, nothing would be left and he would return to the cowshed hungry. But nevermind, Bhagat Patel reasoned that if the cows were happy with him, then so must be Sri Nathji, the Protector of the Cows.

One day after returning to the cowshed hungry, Thakur Sri Nathaji Himself appeared there with his *sayan bhog* (delicious foodstuffs) and personally offered them to Bhagat Patel. It became the daily duty of Sri Nathaji to bring His remnants to His loving servant and Bhagat honored them lovingly. One day, after serving His remnants to Bhagat Patel, Thakurji left His pots in the *goshalla*.

The Pujaris were alarmed that some of the golden pots of Thakurji were missing and began to search them out. Finally they were discovered in the *goshalla* near Bhagat Patel's place. Gosai Sri Vittalnath ji Maharaj requested Bhagat to explain what had happened and he was told how

Sri Nathji had been personally bringing His remnants to Bhagat Patel since he was often too late for taking his meal with the others.

Gosai Sri Vittalnath ji Maharaj smiled and said he would arrange for one of the cowherd men to bring Bhagat's meals so Thakurji would not be inconvenienced.

The next day Sri Nathaji told Bhagat Patel to accompany Him while He took the cows out to pasture. Bhagat happily agreed and followed Him daily to the forest to graze the cows. Before returning from the forest Sri Nathaji would make sure Bhagat Patel ate some of the delicious food sent by Mother Yashoda.

So upon his return he was not hungry and did not honor the foodstuffs brought from the temple. It was reported to Sri Vittalnathji Maharaj that Bhagat Patel was not touching the food being sent from the temple.

Gosai Sri Vittalnathji Maharaj called Bhagat Patel and asked him why he was not honoring the *prasadam* brought to him from the temple. Bhagat replied that Sri Nathaji had invited him to accompany Him to the forest to graze the cows and since many *gopis* bring an abundant variety of delicious foodstuffs for Sri Nathaji, he and the others cowherds get more than their share of the Lord's remnants. So when Bhagat Patel returns from cow herding each day, he feels no hunger and thus does not honor the *prasadam* brought from the temple.

Sri Vittalnathji Maharaj was astonished and raptured by how Sri Nathaji had become so happy to bless Bhagat Patel. By diligently executing his humble service to the cows Bhagat Patel achieved the great fortune of witnessing and participating in the Cowherding Pastimes of the Supreme Lord Sri Nathji!



NEW CALVES



Priya

Above is featured the second calf of Priya who was born at 1:00 a.m. on one of the coldest nights this winter. He is healthy and happy living in Kiki Nagla.



Below: Rangini



Rangini gave birth to her second calf who is featured above. Except for her reddish cap she is pure white and petite. Her teeth are not fully developed which is a sign that she is premature yet healthy and alert.

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May cows stay in front of me; may cows stay behind me; may cows stay on both sides of me. May I always reside in the midst of cows. —Hari Bhakti Vilas 16.252