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Importance of Desi Cow

How Shrikrushna took care of the cows and its importance

We must realize how nicely Hindu Dharma has described the importance of looking after cows . As we were not able to properly look after cows , Shri Vishnu incarnated in Dwāpāryug as Shrikrushna and showed us how to look after cows. This mere act of Shrikrushna was to show us that if we don't take care of cows , we will lose our sanctity . Shrikrushna showed us that there is so much power in cow's milk, ghee and Panchagavya (A mixture of cow's milk, curd, ghee, cow's urine and cow dung), that by consuming these He became so powerful that was able to defeat the powerful demons who fed on meat. King Janak was told by his Guru Yagnyavalkya, that 'it is essential to protect cows till our last breath.' – H.H. Kane Maharaj, Narayangaon, Pune, Maharashtra (year 1991).

Cow's milk never becomes impure !

When the calf drinks the milk of the mother cow, the milk does not become impure. Moon stores nectar and then showers it, similarly these Rohini cows give us milk which is produced from nectar. Just as air, fire, gold and nectar (which was drunk by Gods) never becomes impure, similarly, the milk of a cow which is drunk by her calf never becomes impure. (The implied meaning behind

this is that, the white foam which drops from the calf's mouth while having cow's milk is not considered impure). (Mahabharat, Anushasanparva 77|24-26)' (Hindvi, 14 to 13 March 2010)

Panchagavya is an extremely pure medicine.

गव्यं पवित्रं च रसायनं च पथ्यं च हृद्यं बलबुद्धिकृत् स्यात् ।

आयुःप्रदं रक्तविकारहारी त्रिदोषहृद्रोगविषापहं स्यात् ॥

Meaning: Panchagavya is an extremely pure chemical. It is healthy when included in diet, gives joy to the heart, increases life span, strength and intellectual capability. It is the destroyer of the three doshās (The three defects as per Āyurveda). It also destroys all the impurities and disorders of blood. It can cure cardiac disorders. By consuming it, all physical, mental and psychological problems can be overcome. (Rishi Prasad, October 2009, Prushtha.27)

Due to consumption of Panchagavya, one becomes free from all the sins related to body, is able to have control over mind and becomes eligible for acquiring knowledge.. Therefore, it is said that, consumption of Panchagavya is very important. – H.H. Kane Maharaj, Narayangaon, Pune, Maharashtra.

Cow (Important as is the descendent of Kamdhenu cow)

- 1. Gomay (cow dung) :** It absorbs the heat.
- 2. Gomutra :** It has healing power.
- 3. Milk :** It is easy to digest as a result it is used as a substitute for mother's milk. It is not fattening.
- 4. Yoghurt :** It destroys vāt. It increases strength.
- 5. Gogrut (ghee) :** It is useful for eyes and on wounds.

Effect of Cow on the economy and agriculture

Indian agriculture has variety. There is no farm-product that we don't cultivate. Our land grows all kinds of grains, pulses, vegetables, fruits, flowers, cotton and silk. About 70% of our population has embraced agriculture as profession. Cattle are integral part of the huge canvas of agriculture. We use oxen to plough, to pick and move harvested crops, in irrigation, cow manure as fertiliser, and cow urine as insecticide.

Unique Role of Cow in Agriculture

1. In our country with small holdings and small scale farming, there is no better alternative to employing cattle in farming.
2. While ploughing, the oxen stride with gentle gait, not harming the surface of the earth, unlike tractors. Even as they plough the land, the oxen defecate and urinate, fertilising the land.
3. Cattle Manure : organic manure, green leaf manure, earth-worms, and slurry manure with cattle manure bond with the nature and make the land fertile. They do not create the challenge of chemical waste.
4. 99% of the insects in nature are beneficial to the system. Insecticides prepared from cow urine or well fermented butter milk do not affect these helpful insects.
5. Dung from one cow is adequate to fertilise 5 acres of land and its urine is can protect 10 acres of crop from insects. As per the Supreme Court, cow dung produced by one oxen can support a family for 4 years. Oxen do not pollute the atmosphere.
6. Fertilizers made from Cow-dung and Cow-urine increases the quality and yield of crops. Fertilizer made from Cow-dung saves water to the extent of 5-times compared to using other fertilizers.