

WE ARE FAILING AS A SOCIETY.

Not because we don't love animals.
But because when it matters most —
animals pay the price.

WHEN PUBLIC SAFETY MET STRAY DOG WELFARE.

India's Supreme Court permitted euthanasia of rabid, incurably ill, and **demonstrably dangerous** stray dogs.

A difficult decision. A troubling question:
When safety and welfare collide — who pays the price?

SAFETY

WHEN HUNGER COSTS ELEPHANTS THEIR LIVES.

Both nations announced plans to cull elephants amid severe drought and food shortages.

A harsh reality: when human survival is threatened —
wildlife becomes the sacrifice.

HUNGER

WHEN DEVELOPMENT THREATENS WILDLIFE.

The Aravallis have stood for billions of years. Yet habitats vanish through a series of small decisions.

- ✓ One project.
- ✓ One clearance.
- ✓ One compromise at a time. **Wildlife pays.**

HABITAT

WHEN PROFIT KEEPS ANIMALS TRAPPED AT SEA.

15K+

sheep & cattle stranded
aboard MV Bahijah
for weeks

Not because of disease or nature.
But because **commerce met crisis.**

WHEN PILGRIMAGE COMES AT AN ANIMAL'S EXPENSE.

Thousands of horses and mules support Char Dham Yatra every year. Multiple equine deaths in 2025 renewed urgent welfare concerns.

For many pilgrims — a journey of faith.

For many animals — a **test of endurance**.

DIFFERENT SPECIES. SAME OUTCOME.

Different countries. Different circumstances.

Yet the pattern feels familiar.

When animal welfare competes with human priorities —
animals are expected to bear the cost.

ANIMAL WELFARE REMAINS NEGOTIABLE.

Most people care about animals.
Governments do. Communities do. Individuals do.
Yet the moment it conflicts with politics, profit, or convenience —
caring gets postponed.

DO WE CARE ENOUGH WHEN CARING BECOMES INCONVENIENT?

The real question isn't: *'Do we care about animals?'*

It's: do we care enough when caring becomes inconvenient?

ENOUGH?

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