

Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services

Performs Life-Saving Surgery on Cow in Guptapara

The Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services (AH&VS), Andaman and Nicobar Administration, conducted a life-saving surgical procedure on a 16-year-old cow owned by Shri Shyamal Mondal, a resident of Guptapara village, South Andaman, on September 29, 2025. The cow, diagnosed with ruminal impaction due to ingestion of large quantities of foreign material, underwent a rumenotomy to address severe digestive obstruction.

The procedure was performed by Dr. Ninad S. Lawhale, Senior Veterinary Officer, Veterinary Dispensary Manglutan, assisted by Shri Abdul Majeed, Senior Veterinary Compounder, and veterinary compounders Shri Pranab Deewan and Smti. P. Laxmi. During the surgery, approximately 3 kilograms of plastic and jute material were removed from the cow's rumen, enabling its stabilization and recovery. The on-site operation demonstrated the veterinary team's expertise in addressing critical health issues in resource-constrained settings.

The case highlights the growing concern of plastic ingestion by livestock, often caused by animals consuming waste while grazing in open fields. The AH&VS Department reiterated the importance of proper waste management and urged farmers and residents to prevent plastic and non-biodegradable materials from contaminating grazing areas to safeguard animal health.

Shri Shyamal Mondal expressed gratitude to the veterinary team for their timely intervention and dedicated efforts in saving his cow's life. This initiative underscores the AH&VS Department's commitment to animal welfare and public awareness in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The department continues to promote responsible waste disposal practices, aligning with the Andaman and Nicobar Administration's vision of fostering sustainable agricultural development and protecting livestock health.



