

SIGNIFICANCE OF JALLIKATTU

ISHA YOGA FOUNDER BATS FOR A BRAVE YOUTH-FRIENDLY SPORT

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What beauty is to a woman, valour is to a man. The rural youth of our country have lost various means through which they could find and express their courage, skill, and competence in daily life. Jallikattu, a traditional sport in rural Tamil Nadu, gave the Tamil youth the necessary opportunity to express this. Above all in today's world, Jallikattu has drawn rural youth away from alcohol and other addictions, because being fit, capable, agile, and competent is very important in such a sport.

The bulls that participate in the Jallikattu sport have never been harmed or killed. The only ones who



have been injured or accidentally killed in this sport are the men, not the bulls. Those taking up this great cause of animal rights and cruelty to animals, if they are at all serious about it, the first thing they need to do is close the slaughter houses, which are killing millions of animals every day.

The most fundamental

form of cruelty, cutting short an animal's life, is not being attended to. This is not even being done for our food, but for export. India has become the largest exporter of beef in the world, which is a shame.

We are slaughtering the animals, which nurtured us, worked for us, and enriched our soil on a daily basis, in order to make money. Just as we drank our mother's milk, we drank this animal's milk for nourishment, but we are butchering them and selling the meat to other countries, which is disgraceful. Instead of fighting against this, taking away a simple joy of the rural youth of Tamil Nadu is not fair.