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Implement cow slaughter ban, Government urged

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BANGALORE: Akhila Karnataka Pranidaya Sangha has urged the State Government to declare Karnataka "a State free of cow and its progeny slaughter".

It demanded setting up of Karnataka Cow and its Progeny Protection Commission for strict implementation of the Karnataka Prevention of Cow Slaughter and Cattle Preservation Act, 1964.

Addressing presspersons on Tuesday, the coordinator of the sangha, Dayananda Swamiji, said that statistics showed that slaughter of cows, oxen, and he-buffaloes had led to decrease in their population. Apathy in implementation of the law and imposing punishment on violators were the causes. "The government should amend the Act so as to ban the slaughter of the cow and its progeny," he said.

Welcoming the State Government's move to impose a complete ban on cow slaughter by amending the Act, He said several States, including Gujarat, had already implemented the total ban.

"This issue is not a cause for communal clashes," he added.