Animals eat whatever is lying unattended around shops, market places, in lanes, and almost everywhere in our localities. Both neglected and farm house cows have been seen roaming in different parts of Delhi in search of something to eat. Animals are unable to differentiate food and plastic, thus, consume plastic along with food. On Sunday similar incident was seen at Anand Vihar, New Delhi, where many cows were feeding on plastic waste.

In the process of feeding on garbage, most of the cows ingest the entire package plastic bags, rotten food and garbage. Indian veterinarians have showed concern that the built-up of plastic and other inorganic materials may prove fatal for them. Besides, the consumption of plastic has been found to reduce the food eating- and milk producing capacity of cows.

Recent ban on plastic items including disposable plates, cups, carry bags, and straws, implemented by Government of India, has found backing among animal protectionists and the cow caretakers, and hopefully may be of great help in protecting cattle in coming days.

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