FIAPO is India’s apex animal protection organization. As the collective voice of the animal protection movement in India, FIAPO is the catalyst that protects the interests of animals on local and national levels - through mobilization, lobbying, research, education, training and direct action. Created for the movement, by the movement, FIAPO is India’s only national federation. It has more than 50 members and over 200 supporter organizations across the country.

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# FIAPO's Approach

FIAPO engages with all stakeholders both collaboratively and confrontationally through discussions, lobbying and court action to advocate for the interests of animals in India. It works with, and builds the movement through practical action, training, education, debate, information dissemination and conferencing.

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Message from the Chairperson

FIAPo was set up in 2007 to create a network for animal protection organizations with the aim of enhancing their capacity to serve animals. In the almost six years since I have been associated with FIAPO, the federation has grown from strength to strength. It is a networking hub, that attempts to take forward the agenda that animal protection activists and organizations strenuously espouse and also to strike out in new directions whenever the occasion arises. FIAPO's aim has always been to support and strengthen the common objectives of its member organizations and to strive to improve the life of animals.

In the past year, FIAPO has continued to facilitate the joint efforts of organizations in Jaipur, Pune, Kerala and in other parts of the country. FIAPO's staff and volunteers have continued to break fresh ground on our way towards an ever-stronger animal protection movement. We have been involved in fields as varied and unique as strengthening local federations, lobbying with local governments regarding the street dog problems, animal breeding, and battery chicken litigation. We have also organized events, encouraged people to take up plant-based diets and built rescue networks.

As the chairperson, I feel immensely proud to be a link in this chain of compassion. I would like to thank the donors, supporters and the dedicated FIAPO team for their financial support, solidarity and hard work to make our objectives become a reality. I strongly believe that by working together we can make this a better world for animals. This report stands as a testament to our efforts in that very direction.

Have we served our purpose this year? The answer is we did our best. We succeeded in some areas, we had setbacks sometimes and we failed to make progress in other areas despite our best efforts. But this has not made us lose sight of our vision and our desire to better the life of animals.

That is what FIAPO stands for.

Norma Alvares
Chairperson
FIAPo
Though the challenges appeared overwhelming, FIAPO, through collective efforts, always found the solution. From establishing new local federations to reaching out to more than 30,000 people, FIAPO was able to achieve some substantial successes in the past year.
The way India treats her cows and other farm animals is on the brink of a cataclysmic change. The much criticized factory-farming model, in which animals are kept in confined, intensive conditions, is now making its way to India. To protect the animals of India from this fate, FIAPO took on the giant Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) and campaigned against IFFCO's plans to set up a mega-dairy in Andhra Pradesh where animals would be treated in an inhumane manner. Our successful, collaborative and celebrated national campaign led to the rejection of IFFCO's proposal to import 9,000 high yielding pregnant cows from New Zealand to start this dairy.

Large scale dairy farms marked by confinement, zero pasture access and rampant use of antibiotics are growing at an unprecedented rate. Speaking up on behalf of cows that are deprived of the chance to graze, play, run, explore and socialize, FIAPO launched a campaign to bring about regulatory changes. We proposed amending national and state level laws and policies as a preventative measure. Through an international consultation process, India's first Dairy Guidelines document was produced to establish parameters that constitute proper welfare of dairy cows. The guidelines we have drafted are now with the Animal Welfare Division, Ministry of Environment and Forests for its consideration. We are glad we have taken the first step on the long road towards improving the life of dairy cows.
Litigation
for the abolition of battery cages

More than 200 million birds are confined to battery cages in poultry farms across the country. In these establishments, the floor space allowed per bird is not more than a single A4 sheet of paper. As a federation representing a large number of APOs, FIAPO challenged the battery chicken system by filing two PILs – in Chandigarh High Court and in Bombay High Court, considering that there are large numbers of poultry farms in these areas. The Poultry Federation of India has been made a respondent in the PILs which are presently at primary stage. Both the High Courts have issued notices to all the respondents who will have to file their replies as to why the reliefs sought in the PILs ought not to be granted. The battle to save the chickens from a highly constricted, miserable life has begun.

Media
& public engagement on factory farming

Over the last year, FIAPO ran an extensive media campaign to inform consumers about the effects of factory farming on the animals, humans and the environment. Articles about factory farming were published in many international and national newspapers like Times of India, New Indian Express, Business Standard, Sunday Guardian, Indo Asian Animal Network, Yahoo News, World News, Vancouver Desi, among others. We estimate that our efforts have had a collective readership of 12,625,971!
Litigation to prevent killing of dogs in Karnataka

When the Karnataka High Court ruled in favour of Bangalore Municipal Corporation to allow destruction of dogs that are causing nuisance, several animal protection organisations challenged the order in the Supreme Court where other petitions on "street dog issues" are pending. FIAPO too decided to intervene in this matter and undertook research into some of the issues raised in the petitions including dog bites, rabies deaths etc. FIAPO also consulted with canine experts in India and will place before the Supreme Court its extensive reports to support the case for implementation of the ABC programme rather than large scale elimination of dogs. The case is presently pending in the Supreme Court.

Dogs in Animal Birth Control (ABC) programme

Pune Federation of Animal Protection Organizations (PFARIO) has successfully worked with the Pune Municipal Corporation to secure significantly high sponsorship from the state for the ABC programme. Because of their vigilance and perseverance, the local federation has been able to get the programme to operate with great transparency and in coordination with the municipal corporation. The Animal Birth Control programme is being continued with the help of volunteers and member organizations. In response to regular calls for assistance, the local federation has also produced educational material on the need for ABC.

Dog bite prevention in Kerala

Kerala Federation of Animal Protection Organizations (KFAPO) is a local federation of APOs established and facilitated by FIAPO to collectively work on issues affecting animals on a local level. When news of repeated culls of street dogs shocked the community, a dog-bite prevention awareness programme was launched in partnership with the veterinary council. With increased awareness and humane education, the local federation was able to make substantial effort in this direction.
Aiding International efforts for animal protection

FIAPo participated in the Asia for Animals conference held in Singapore in January 2014. A large number of APOs representing more than 25 Asian countries attended the meet. It was an exciting to be in the midst of like-minded persons, sharing a common vision and yet taking so many different routes to achieve that goal. FIAPo's contribution was unique in so far as it presented an effective federative model for uniting the efforts of animal protection activists/APOs in India. Participants were excited with the concept and there were numerous enquiries from the audience about the functioning and model of the federation. We didn't have answers to all queries, being rather young ourselves but it set us thinking about these issues. FIAPo also made presentations on the anti-Dolphinaria and anti-mega dairy campaigns. FIAPo led and participated in several sessions including animal sacrifices, battery chickens, animal experimentation, education etc.

Connecting animal protection activists across the country

Through the Movement Building initiative, FIAPo has established three local federations in India with a network of 36 organizational and 25 individual members. This programme enables the building of a connected and organised national movement of activists and organizations working to improve the lives of animals. FIAPo has further connected local and national activists with 32 different stakeholders of animal welfare including state forest departments and animal husbandry officials, municipal corporations and the media. Due to FIAPo's sustained efforts, the movement has now become widespread in their local areas.

Training animal protection activists

In the past year, FIAPo's Movement Building programme has directly reached out to 1,540 people across the nation including more than 300 animal activists working for animal protection. Some of the issues covered in these events were legal sensitization, first aid, rescue of street animals and conducting better adoption camps for street animals. Nearly 500 news articles and resource material were shared online with over 2,000 activists over the last year.
Compassionate Living
India's first vegan festival

Jaipur Federation of Animal Protection Organizations (JFAPO) organised Compassionate Living, the first vegan festival of the nation. In this unique celebration, organizations, animal rights activists and many others joined hands educate hundreds of people on the virtues of a vegan diet through interactive stalls, products, talks and films.

Raising Awareness
to reduce animal consumption

FIAPO conducted a sustained veg outreach under its Living Free programme and reached out and engaged with over 30,000 people. Through the project, an understanding of the effectiveness of various outreach techniques (like distributing leaflets, screening of documentaries) was also gained and the impact was measured. Results of this pioneering effort suggest that out of the 37,478 people who were reached out to during the pilot, 56% - 20,988 people reduced their consumption of animal products. We estimate that around 1,830,000 kg of meat was not consumed as a result of FIAPO’s work!

Testimonials

“Living Free campaign by FIAPO is truly a wonderful achievement for volunteers like me. The Living Free leaflet is an excellent compilation of all necessary aspects of Veganism in a simple and summarized format. Besides cruelty, it also depicts why vegan diet is good for health, mind and body through comments of experienced doctors.”
Gaurav Jain, Living Free volunteer

“I am truly thankful to FIAPO and Animal Aid for this opportunity. Coming from a small town where there is hardly any consciousness about animal welfare, it was indeed a treat to visit and learn from one of the best shelter managers in the country. Now I am clear about my goals and what is better is that I know how to move towards them systematically”.
Neelam Kaur, Participant of FIAPO Mentorship Programme

“I am really glad I came. I learned a lot, met interesting people. I have now realized that having close relations with Indian animal activists and protection organizations is the best way to improve our chances of making a difference in Africa.”
Dr. Anteneh Roba
India For Animals 2012
A 6-minute video depicting the rise and reality of factory dairy farming in India with versions in Hindi and English.

**Mentoring Minds to Change Mindsets:** a case study on mentorships used to disseminate information on FIAPO’s mentorship programme to member organizations.

**Dairy alternatives booklet:** A recipe booklet with 10 dairy alternatives.

**Farm Animals Info Pack:** An information pack for journalists to educate them about the rise and impact of factory farming of animals in India.

**Guidelines for welfare of dairy cattle:** A holistic document to regulate the dairy industry on issues such as housing, handling, feed, husbandry practices, transportation and euthanasia of animals.

**Living Free leaflet:** A comprehensive booklet with information about following a lifestyle that is free of animal cruelty.

**Living Free website:** www.livingfreeindia.org

**Local federation leaflets:** FIAPO has developed leaflets for the Pune and Kerala federations to help increase their visibility nationally and encourage more participation locally.

**Movement Building report:** This document describes the impact of the Movement Building programme of FIAPO.

**Report on pet shops in Jaipur:** This document, containing the results of a survey conducted by the Jaipur local federation on the state of pet shops in the city, is to be used as a foundation for the regulation of pet shops.
Review meat export policy: Parliamentary panel

By Vinay Raghuvanshi, in New Delhi

India's meat export policy, which was introduced in February 2013, is under the scanner of the Food Security Ministry. The issue came up in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday, with a member of the Parliamentary Committee on Agriculture demanding an inquiry into the matter.

The member, Mr. N. Lal, a member of the Parliamentary Committee on Agriculture, said that the meat export policy was introduced in February 2013 to meet the domestic demand for the product.

However, the Committee on Agriculture has decided to hold an inquiry into the matter to ensure that the policy is implemented in a fair and transparent manner.

World Poultry News, knowledge & care

India: Court issues notice on hens in battery cages

A court in Chandigarh, the capital city of the Indian states of Punjab and Haryana, has issued notice to the Government of India, Punjab and Haryana, the Poultry Federation of India and the Animal Welfare Board of India on a petition filed by the Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organizations against confining egg-laying hens in battery cages.

The petition, filed by the Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organizations (FIAPPO), against confining egg-laying hens in battery cages has been admitted by the Chandigarh High Court.

FIAPPO alleges that the hens are confined in battery cages and are subjected to severe stress and discomfort. The organization demands the immediate action of the government to stop the practice.

The court has directed the government to respond to the petition within four weeks.

The Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organizations (FIAPPO) is a non-governmental organization that works to protect animals and the environment. The organization has been at the forefront of the fight against battery cages for many years.

India is the third largest producer of eggs in the world, with 70% of the eggs coming from commercial farms. The use of battery cages for egg production is a major concern for animal welfare activists in India.

The government has been under pressure to ban battery cages, but it has been opposing the move. The government has cited economic and job-related concerns as reasons for opposing the move.

However, the Indian government has been facing international pressure to ban battery cages, and the demand for such a move has been increasing in recent years.

For this reason, one year ago the Animal Welfare Board of India issued an advisory to all state governments stating that battery cages should not be used and existing ones should be phased out by 2017. FIAPPO has been following up with the state Animal Husbandry departments of both Punjab and Haryana to phase out or avoid battery cages and stay compliant with new cage facility, however, no concrete action has been taken by the states.
**Media Reports**

**INDIAN EXPRESS**

*Day of Living Free* in Capital Today

By Pradeep Kumar Singh

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The state capital will be one among the five cities in India which will host the *Day of Living Free* - a national event to promote the cause of animal protection - on Saturday. Besides Thiruvanantapuram, the event will be simultaneously held in Bangalore, Chennai, Pune and Jaipur, according to the organizers, Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organizations (FIAP). A cavalcade of various animal protection groups in the country.

The event will be held from 11 am to 3 pm on the premises here. It will include interactions between "Living Free" volunteers and the public, a special awareness on a lifestyle free of cruelty to animals. Information on how to make one's lifestyle cruelty-free will be shared through screening and screening of documentaries. Samples of animal friendly products such as soy milk will also be made available.

The "Living Free" campaign is focused on addressing the impact of factory farms that rear animals in an industrial scale with no thought to their proper care.

The campaign will also spread awareness on the fact that confining animals in tiny spaces and rearing them in insanitary conditions for consumption in violation of India's Prevention Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.

"Such practices also amount to violation of Article 14 of the Constitution, which states that it is the fundamental duty of every citizen to protect and improve the natural environment including forests, trees, water and wildlife, and to have compassion for living creatures," a FIAP spokesperson said.

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**THE TIMES OF INDIA**

*How did forest department not catch on to bombs?*

By Pradeep Kumar Singh

*Published: 16th April 2014 01:48 AM*

MARGAO: Fear of renewed encroachment made locals notice the plantations of wild boar and animal rights activists. One person died and four were injured in the blast on Thursday.

While authorities such as the police and police academy plus or nobody at the forest department received the blast report, locals blamed the forest department besides the police, for failing to act on such repeated complaints.

Local residents questioned the many times bombs were not assembled and used for such activities without detection by any authority. "Since bomb was being used to puch animals, the practice must have been going on for a long period. Had the forest department put an end to it, the situation would have been rectified," said local resident Rafaal Rodrigues.

Animal rights activists have demanded that the forest department employ better measures to prevent and stop these incidents in the future.

The Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organizations (FIAP) Goa campaign manager Puja Mitra pointed out the use of crude bombs-related Section 70, Chapter 3 of the Wildlife Protection Act of India.

She added that in addition to chemical explosions, poisons, weapons, snare and traps being banned, it was also mentioned in the rules that any person who compelled the person to work with such prohibited materials was liable for punishment. A senior wildlife officer added that a strict vigil is to be maintained to prevent such happening activities. He said the forest department is not involved in the particular case. Stating that cases have been booked in the past, he said, punishment would be intensified.

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**Eating antibiotic-fed animals can cause health problems ir humans**

Agencies: May 21, 2014 at 10:38 am

After a WHO report highlighted the use of antibiotics in animal farms poses a danger to the health of humans, an animal rights group launched a campaign to stop the proliferation of animal farm. The campaign was launched by the Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organizations (FIAP).

The campaign is based on the Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organizations (FIAP) report that highlights antibiotic resistance in both humans and animals and needs to increase awareness to doctors and veterinary institutions.

"The risk of developing antibiotic resistance is greater in commercial production of animals raising for food. In India we find that this occurs largely in poultry farms where many poultry products are consumed in thousands of consumption and fed antibiotics to control the outbreak of any disease. The continuous non-prescription use of antibiotics leads to a build-up of resistance in the bird’s system, which eventually passes into humans when they consume the meat butcher.

"Further, these factory farms treat animals as inanimate products denying them the freedom’s essence to their mental and physical well being."

"If we have a national campaign to combat the increase in (animal) factory farms on the country and to protect human health as consumption of food from commercial products is harmful," the report concluded.

Source: WNS
Looking Forward

During the next year, FIAPO is planning to scale up its reach by establishing new local federations and adding to its network of animal protection organizations and activists across the country. This year, FIAPO aims to expand to 15 cities in India and provide support to and leverage the collective strength of this network.

FIAPO will also continue its work with the state and national government to bring in policy level changes for animal protection. The prime focus in this respect will be on animals in factory-farms, captive large mammals, step up the pressure on the govt to notify the revised Animal Welfare Act etc. These are the issues that, as an apex body, FIAPO is best qualified to address.

Finally, FIAPO will undertake extensive public engagement aiming to reach out to over 1 lakh people through one-to-one methods of outreach alone and several lakhs more through media and advertising.
**Member Organizations:**

**FIAPo’s strength**

Aashray, Rajasthan  
Aashray for Sick & Helpless Animals, Uttar Pradesh  
Action for protection of Wild Animals, Orissa  
Animal Aid Charitable Trust, Rajasthan  
Animal Rescue Kerala, Kerala  
Animals Matter to Me, Maharashtra  
Animal Care Land Society, Andhra Pradesh  
Animal Birds Nature Foundation, Karnataka  
All Creatures Great and Small, Delhi  
Blue Cross of India, Tamil Nadu  
Blue Cross of Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh  
Bombay SPCA, Maharashtra  
Charitable Welfare Society for Humankind & Animals, Madhya Pradesh  
Compassionate Living, Delhi  
Compassion Unlimited plus Action, Karnataka  
Daya, Kerala  
Foundation for Animals, Andhra Pradesh  
Goa Animal Welfare Trust, Goa  
Gujrat SPCA, Gujrat  
Help in Suffering, Rajasthan  
Humane Animal Society, Tamil Nadu  
In Defence of Animals, Maharashtra  
International Animal and Birds Welfare Society, Andhra Pradesh  
Indian Society for Human Animal Welfare, Maharashtra  
India Project for Animals and Nature, Tamil Nadu  
Indian Vegan Society, Karnataka  
International Animal Rescue Goa, Goa  
Institute of Jeevakarunyam and Research, Andhra Pradesh  
Just Be Friendly Trust, Assam  
Karuna Society for Animals and Nature, Andhara Pradesh  
Karuna International, Tamilnadu  
Lets live Together, Karnataka  
Leaf India, Rajasthan  
Maitri Club, Odisha  
Plant and Animals Welfare Society, Maharashtra  
People For Animals, Goa  
People For Animals Morena, Madhya Pradesh  
People For Animals Nayagarha, Odisha  
People for Animal, Karnataka  
People for Animal Angul, Odisha  
Plants and Animals Related to Humans, Maharashtra  
Prayas Team Environment Chairitable Trust, Gujrat  
Raksha, Rajasthan  
Samabhava, Karnataka  
Sanctified Terra for Rueful Animals Society, West Bengal  
Sharan, Pondicherry  
SPCA Noida, Uttar Pradesh  
Save Our Strays, Maharashtra  
Stray Relief and Animal welfare , New Delhi  
SHREE KARUNA FOUNDATION TRUST, Gujrat  
Seva Smarpan, Rajasthan  
Society for Animal Welfare, Andhra Pradesh  
The Happy Foundation for Animals, Delhi  
Tree of Life of Animals (TOFLA), Rajasthan  
Thane SPCA, Maharashtra  
Vishnu Charitable Trust, Haryana  
Vets Beyond Borders India Charitable Trust, New Delhi  
Worldwide Veterinary service India, Tamilnadu  
Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre (WRRC), Karnataka  
Welfare of Stray Dogs, Mumbai, Maharashtra
The organizations listed below are members of local federations established and facilitated by FIAPO. FIAPO encourages networking, capacity building and advocacy, helping organizations work together who share specific geographic region or issue-specific aims.

**Jaipur Federation of Animal Protection Organizations (JFAPO)**
Aashray  
Angel Eyes  
Help In Suffering  
Help Suffering Lives Society  
Jeev Prem  
Living Ethics and Animal Foundation India  
People for Animal Liberation India  
People for Animals  
Raksha  
RAW  
Saviours  
Seva Samarpan  
Tourism and Wildlife Society of India

**Kerala Federation of Animal Protection Organizations (KFAPO)**
ANTS  
Beauty without Cruelty  
Care4animals  
Daya  
Elephant Welfare Association  
Karuna Sanctuary for Health and Reconnection with Animals and Nature  
Mad Dogs Trust  
Paws  
People for Animals, Thiruvananthapuram  
Raksha Animal Welfare Club  
Sanctuary for Health And Reconnection with Animals and Nature, Kochi  
Social Association for Forests and Environment

**Pune Federation of Animal Protection Organizations (PFAPo)**
Animal Friends  
Blue Cross Society  
Jeevraksha  
People for Animals  
Pune Animal Lovers  
ResQ  
Sanctuary for Health and Reconnection with Animals and Nature
Trustees, Ambassadors & Staff

**Trustees**
Chairperson- Norma Alvares (People for Animals, Goa), Padma Shri Awardee
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