



# Annual Report

2016 - 2017

## **About Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organisations (FIAPO)**

FIAPO is India's apex animal rights organisation, founded in the year 2010. As the collective voice of the animal rights movement in India, FIAPO is the catalyst that protects the interests and rights of animals at local and national levels - through education, research, lobbying, mobilisation, networking, training and direct action. Created for the movement, by the movement, FIAPO is India's only national federation. We work in collaboration with more than 70+ members, 200 supporter organisations and 1000 individual activists in over 70 cities.

# FIAPO's Approach

FIAPO has a unique way of working: national campaigns, powered by local movements and local movements benefitting from national support. We enable activists to cause nationwide change on urgent issues by choosing to campaign on and participate in public advocacy and engagement efforts.

We leverage the power of legitimacy of the wider animal protection movement to bring about sustainable change that benefits millions of animals throughout the country and also enables a positive human-animal relationship.

FIAPO connects people locally, regionally and nationally; bringing external expertise and assistance for local long-term change through activities not limited to animal care.

# Highlights of the year

## April 2016

The month of April was an eventful one as we saw a myriad of outreach activities being conducted. The 3rd edition of the 'Day of Living Free' was the focus of the first half of the month and April 12th saw the conduction of our 'Dare to Eat' challenge, which was a huge success. The event was held across multiple cities in India like Delhi, Jammu, Chennai, Coimbatore, Pune, Hyderabad and Indore. The audience response to the event was astounding with hundreds of signatures pouring in from across the nation.



## May 2016

Varanasi Federation of Animal Protection Organisations (VFAPO) conducted 10 first aid drives in Durgakund, BHU, Assi Ghat, Ashok Nagar, Shivpur and Harish Chandra Ghat.

Rajkamal circus, along with others, was reported to be using animals for performance and treating them in a way that neglected their basic welfare. With the support of our partner organisations, animals from Rajkamal, Rambo and Global circuses were rescued and rehabilitated.

## June 2016

FIAPO completed the undercover investigation of dairies in Rajasthan and released the findings to government agencies, influencers and the media. This is a very significant milestone in FIAPO's campaign to reform the dairy industry in India. Several meetings were organised with the ministry of agriculture and cow ministry, in this regard.



## July 2016

The Varanasi federation (VFAPO) activists organised anti-rabies vaccination drives and vaccinated over 100 dogs. Animal Birth Control (ABC) programmes were also started after efforts of the local federation and the ABC tender was issued to VFAPO and Ashray.



## August 2016

Activists for the Stop Illegal Slaughter Campaign investigated meat shops from 9 different areas in Jaipur and successfully filed complaints to the FSSAI and JMC for all shops in the areas. The Jaipur Municipality quickly actioned on our tip off, and shut down several illegal slaughter shops.

## September 2016

In September, over 20,455 people were reached out to, with the message of compassion in 7 cities across the country. With the help of activists and the living free network, over 20 events were organised to promote a cruelty-free lifestyle.



## October 2016 –

The 4th India for Animals conference was held at The Lalit Hotel, Mumbai from 21st to 23rd October, 2016. Over 300 national and international delegates attended the conference that witnessed participation across different spheres - dog protection,

wildlife conservation and cattle protection amongst others. Nearly 50 awe-inspiring speakers including Vandana Shiva, Anand Grover, Bittu Sahgal, Chinny Krishna and General Kharb addressed the gathering on issues encompassing the animal protection movement in the country.

## November 2016 –

FIAPO launched the national dairy investigation report CATTLE-OGUE which was covered widely by media and has been instrumental in FIAPO's efforts to bring the dairy code in 7 major milk producing states in India. Extensive outreach for dairy awareness in Jaipur also led to over 3000 petitions for ending barbarism in dairies.



## December 2016 –

As a result of FIAPO's legal intervention, the Central Zoo Authority of India (CZA) cancelled recognitions for seven circuses across India, including the Great Golden and Rambo Circuses, popular in Mumbai and Pune, for anomalies reported in their captive animal facility. Following the CZA move, the circuses will not be allowed to use certain wild animals in performances. Many influential personalities such as

Shashi Tharoor supported our fight to End Circus Suffering by writing to the minister and tweeting about the same.

## January 2017

FIAPO started a one of its kind initiative in Delhi- The Delhi Peer Education Programme (DPEP) which seeks to train enthusiastic volunteers in a way that helps them become better advocates for farm animals in the capital. The first meeting was held with volunteers from Delhi University at the FIAPO office.



## February 2017

FIAPOO obtained and collated comments of various activists for the Draft PCA (Dog Breeding) Rules, 2016 - and presented it to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC).



## March 2017

In the month of March, Living Free, FIAPPO's flagship vegan outreach programme reached out to 24,670 people across 16 cities.



# Member Organisations: Fiapo's Strength


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# Fiapo in news

2016-17

## DESI | VALENTINE | High turn out for adoption drive at Manaveeyam Veedhi Indian breeds in demand, for once

DC CORRESPONDENT  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,  
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One of the female dogs at My Desi Valentine's adoption drive will now be known as 'Tommy', a name chosen by her new parent, Prasad M A. He was one of the many who had come looking for male dogs, and eventually decided to take the female pup.

One was heard complaining that most of the dogs at the drive were female dogs. Sumitha Suseelan, a People for Animals (PFA) member, says, "Everyone wants male dogs, as female dogs need sterilisation. However, even the male dogs need to be sterilised. They will have a better quality of life, as they won't have the urge to go out and mate. The aversion to sterilisation should change."

Many who wanted to take home a little ball of fur at the drive, had to return empty handed. For once, Indian breeds were in demand, with the



A puppy which was adopted at 'My Desi Valentine' adoption drive at Manaveeyam Veedhi on Saturday.

number of people more, and the number of pups only 12. Federation of Indian Animal Protection

Organisations (FIAPO) with People for Animals (PFA) launched the campaign, as most pups here, they end up in streets.

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However most of the people who turned up at Manaveeyam Veedhi on Saturday did not need to be told about the virtues of Indian breeds.

Prasanna T, who has 5 cats and 14 chickens at home, who came from Vizhayanur, too wanted to adopt only an Indian dog.



## The white lies of the dairy industry that no one wants you to know

SHRUTI REDDA, 6 MARCH 2017

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There are no happy cows gladly providing their milk for humans to consume, as we are made to believe.

Animal cruelty, bloodshed, and slaughter are often associated with non-vegetarianism, meat consumption, and the leather industry. Rarely have voices been raised against the thriving Indian dairy industry where the cattle are not only exploited but also forced to live in inhumane conditions not fit for any living being.

Studying such institutionalised cruelty, the Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organisations (FIAPO) conducted an undercover investigation in 49 dairies across four cities Alwar, Bikaner, Jaipur, and Jodhpur — in Rajasthan in June 2016. The findings uncovered the cruelty and the pitiable living conditions the cattle are subjected to.

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## Animal welfare board cracks whip on Rajkamal Circus, rescues 17 animals

The AWBI took action against the circus while they were camping in Kolar for a series of shows.

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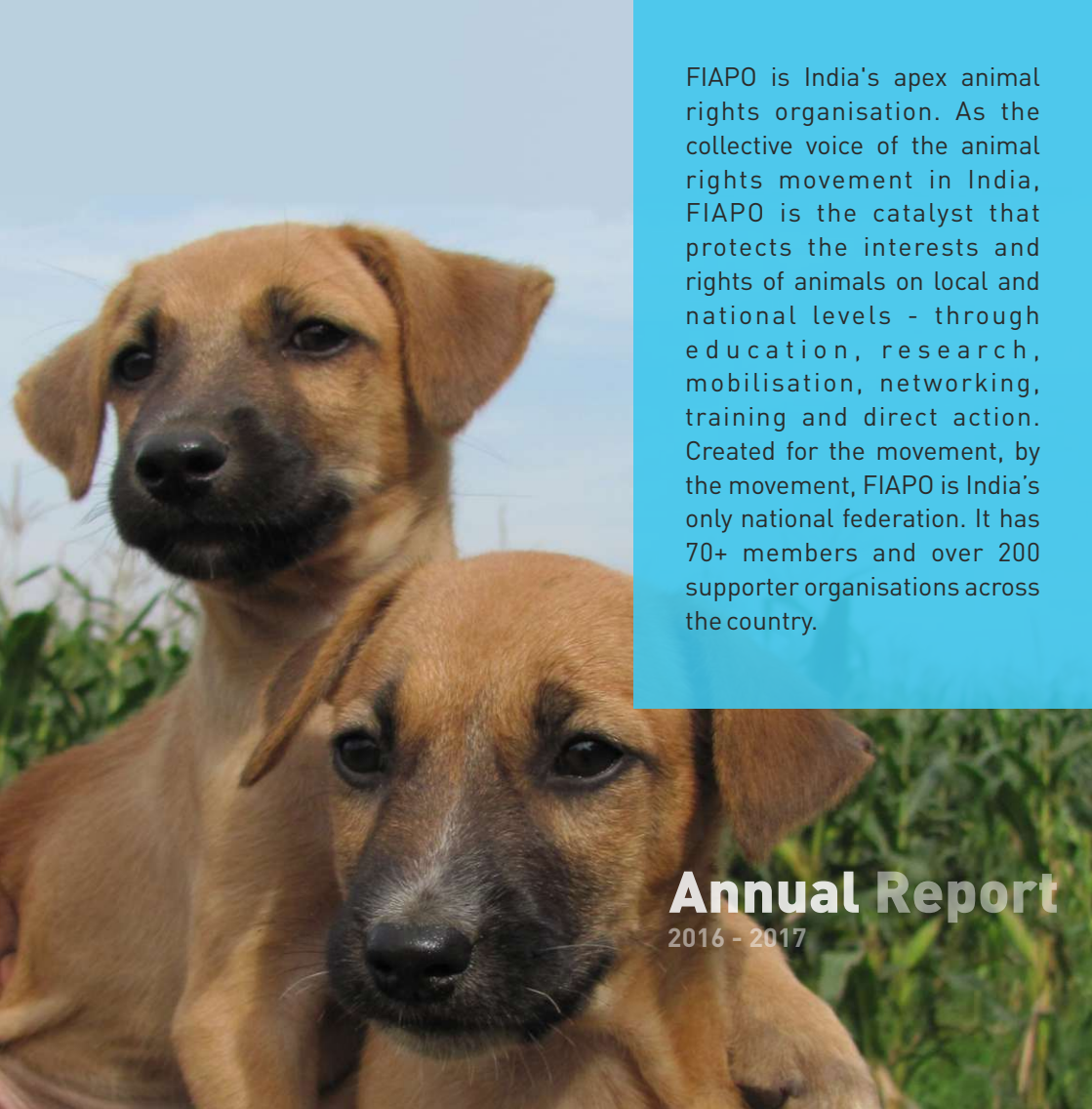
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