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FIAPO's Approach

FIAPO has a unique way of working: national campaigns powered by a local movement and local movements benefiting from national support. We enable activists to cause change nationally on urgent issues by choosing to campaign on and participate in advocacy and public engagement efforts. We leverage the power and legitimacy of the wider animal protection movement to bring about sustainable change that benefits millions of animals nationally. FIAPO also connects people locally, regionally and nationally and brings external expertise and assistance for local long-term change through activities not limited to animal care.

Message from the Chairperson

“ Everything we did helped us see, feel and address the problems faced by animals in a holistic manner. To us no ultimate outcome is more important than our day today participation in protecting animals and enhancing the good we can do for each one of them.))

When I stood before the 300-plus delegates who filled the India for Animals Conference hall in September 2014, I was immensely pleased to know that the Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organisations (FIAPO) is working with some of the strongest, most effective advocates for animals in the world. This conference FIAPO's third celebrated victories and raised flags of urgent need for animal problems across the world.

Because of India's soaring human population, our vast number of animals used for food, the attraction to poachers of our tremendous range of wild species, we face some unique challenges.

FIAPO rises to these challenges by knowing our most effective tool for the job is communications.

Communicating, networking, conducting advocacy among people and their many associations, is what FIAPO was created to do and is what FIAPO is achieving with greater impact every year, every month, and even with every passing day.

This year FIAPO took part in deterring animal sacrifice at Gadhimai in Nepal; we have, through Jaipur's federation, succeeded in helping to ban the export of camels outside Rajasthan; we have facilitated the rescue of illegally-held Animals in several circuses and are in the process of freeing the more-than 70 such captives in India; we are petitioners in court cases involving battery hens and street dog protection, and we have connected hundreds of people throughout the year to strengthen their effectiveness by working together.

With every success of FIAPO's I say proudly that we did not achieve anything alone. Our victories are always achieved through collaboration and joint work with others. This is what our aim is and this is what we're good at - finding and mobilising the right people with the right talents, time, energy, means, for the right tasks.

Always we strive to work with others. Much of our best work is done behind the scenes, ensuring that evidence is properly gathered and organised for court cases and legislative decision-making, ensuring that activists are able to network, and have the knowledge and skills for effective animal protection.

Thank you for your participation in FIAPO's life and the thousands of animals we have helped during the past year, and the millions we have served by working in concert with others. May I say it again: With Others.



Sincerely,
Norma Alvares

Highlights of the year

2014 - 2015

March, 2015
FIAPO frees 33 Abused Animals from Cruel Circus



We freed 33 abused animals from the Moonlight Circus in Nanded, through coordinated efforts with several other activist organisations and individuals. This campaign included under-cover investigations, documentation used in court battles, media liaison, and detailed negotiations with rescue/rehab facilities to ensure that the freed animals will have the best possible care, stimulation and happiness during their remaining years.

March, 2015
MEATOUT: Eat Vegan for a Day

A national campaign 'Meatout: Eat Vegan for a Day' was held in seven cities across India. FIAPO contacted more than 1436 people and 349 people pledged to live vegan or begin the steps of eliminating all meat, dairy and animal products from their lives!



March, 2015
Victory for Camels!

FIAPO lobbied with MLA's in Rajasthan successfully to prohibit various cruelties perpetuated on camels. On March 25 2015, the Rajasthan State Assembly passed a landmark bill to protect camels and prohibit their slaughter by regulating the transport of camels outside the state, including imposing strict punishment for violators. It's victory for Camels!



March, 2015
The Bigger Picture: Animals and Us

FIAPO organised a nation-wide video screening campaign in 15 Indian cities to expose audiences to the harm factory farming causes to animals, human health and the environment. 3080 people viewed educational videos and many attendees pledged to go veg!



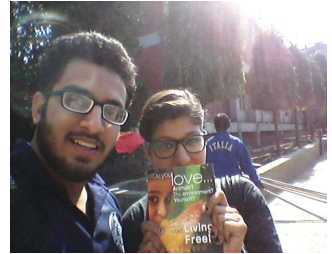
February, 2015
FIAPO Filed Case Against Proposed Factory Farm for Egg Laying Birds

FIAPO challenged in the Allahabad High Court the industrialists "Big Dutchman" who have plans to set up a barren wire battery cage farm to confine 1,50,000 egg laying hens in Western Uttar Pradesh. The case has been admitted and notices issued to the Company and the State Government of Uttar Pradesh.



February, 2015
Adopt-A-College: Organising Students To Spread the Veg Message

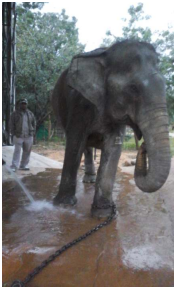
"Adopting Colleges" means activists intensify their focus on particular colleges in order to develop meaningful relationships and provide information about the benefits of vegetarian living in a sequenced mode. Activists have chosen nine colleges in Pune and Delhi, Lucknow, Coimbatore, Surajpur and Bilaspur.



January and February, 2015
"If Slaughterhouses Had Glass Walls" FIAPO's Exhibition Tour

FIAPO organised an exhibition tour across 4 cities in India – Pune, Coimbatore, Delhi and Surat to expose audiences to images taken from real slaughterhouses. The idea behind the exhibition is that if people really understand the pain, fear, suffering and anguish of animals killed for meat and leather, they would never want to be part of this cruelty; they would choose to eat veg and stay veg. The event was well covered by the media including Times of India, The Hindu, Navbharat Times, Deccan Herald and others.



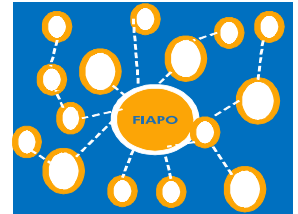


January, 2015 FIAP.O Liberates Elephant "Paruh" From Life of Torture

FIAP.O engaged in undercover work, documentation, legal, bureaucratic and political lobbying in order to confiscate an elephant from her abusive owner in Chittoor Paruh now lives in Wildlife SOS Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, Mathura.

December, 2014 Network in 15 cities across India

FIAP.O formed animal activist networks in 15 cities by holding seminars, workshops and conducting one-on-one sessions to develop leadership.



December, 2014 Veg Outreach inspires 1,00,000 people in India

Distributing written information, sharing graphic images of animals suffering from cruelties in the farming industries, educating people about what animals need to be happy, celebrating the health and environmental benefits of living vegan and vegetarian lives, FIAP.O shared information with one lakh people during 2014.

December, 2014 FIAP.O Demo for Circus Animal Ban

FIAP.O and PETA-India jointly staged a demonstration at the Jantar Mantar to help people realize that animals performing in circus are chained, violated, frightened and abused. Likening the captivity of circus animals to slavery, volunteers wore animal costumes and chains in order to portray the desperate lives of animals confined in circuses.



December, 2014 Animal Sacrifice Grieved in Candlelight Vigil

FIAP.O in collaboration with PETA-India and other activists held a candlelight vigil at Jantar Mantar to solemnize the memory of the animals sacrificed at the Gadhimai festival held in Nepal every few years. News coverage was strong, including The Hindu, Deccan Herald, Punjab Kesari, Rashtriya Sahara, Business Standard and others.



**December, 2014
World Meatless Day**

FIAPO participated in the "World Meatless Day" and encouraged over 15000 people in 12 cities to 'Pledge to go Veg'! Sponsors included big brands like Omved and Natures Co. ensured this event's success.



**November, 2014
FIAPO files PIL to stop animal trafficking**

FIAPO filed a PIL in the Patna High Court against wild animal poaching and trafficking at the Sonepur Mela held each year in Bihar. Protected species, force-breds, poached and smuggled animals are routed through this grisly market into Nepal with final destinations including China, Indonesia and other countries where trade and consumption of exotic animals takes place.



**November, 2014
Federation in Jaipur Tackles Illegal Chicken Shops**

FIAPO made a detailed investigative report submitted to the Food Safety Authority and Jaipur Municipal Corporation including CEO of Jaipur Nagar Nigam, Slaughterhouse and Goshala Commissioner and the Director of FSSAI. As result, raids were conducted and meat was seized by Jaipur Nagar Nigam from meat shops.

**November, 2014
Gadhimai Animal Sacrifice Protest**

FIAPO in collaboration with other organisations and activists organised a protest outside the Nepalese Embassy, to stop Gadhimai's upcoming slaughter of animals in the two-day festival in Nepal.

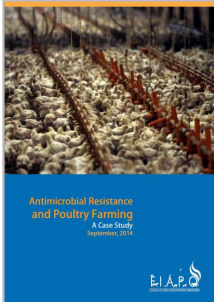
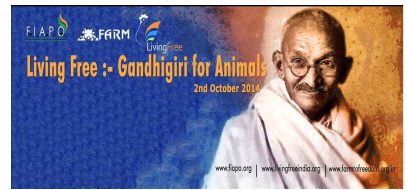


**October, 2014
Varanasi: Dog Protection**

The ancient city of Varanasi is famous for the variety of life on the ghats, but almost no service had ever been provided to the thousands of dogs who live on the ghats or the sinewy back lanes that have made Varanasi popular with tourists for hundreds of years. FIAPO launched a dog protection program in conjunction with international partners to provide on-street mobile nursing care to ailing ownerless or free-roaming dogs. One FIAPO staff leader has trained 15 activist to provide first aid to dogs, to instill compassion, teach the community about dog behavior and how to help dogs live healthier happier lives.

October 2014 - To Date Living Free :- Gandhigiri for Animals

FIAPO organised a national event celebrating Gandhiji's inspirational messages about compassion and peace in order to promote the adoption of a veg lifestyle, educating over 4000 people in nine cities in one day!



October, 2014 Speaking out on Antibiotic Resistance

Engaging with state animal husbandry departments across the country, FIAPO called to reduce stocking densities of animals to end the need for antibiotics in factory farms, following a disturbing report from the World Health Organisation that correlates factory farming with antibiotic resistance and the perpetuation of disease.

September, 2014 India for Animals 2014

FIAPO organised India's largest-ever animal conference in September, attended by 300 activists, national and international organisations and political leaders over a three-day period. Presentations included sessions on shelter management, using existing laws to protect animals, factory farming impacts on animals and the environment, animals used in experimentation, elephant liberation and many other vitally important topics. The surveys collected from participants revealed resounding success in helping people meet each other, expand their ideas, learn facts and skills, all which add up to helping more animals.



September, 2014 Farm to Freedom

FIAPO launched India's only website to raise awareness about the consequences of factory farming on animal welfare, animal rights, on human health and the environment. The website's material can all be shared—posters, information bulletins, graphics, websites.

August, 2014 Workshop on Farm Animals

FIAPO organised a capacity building workshop in collaboration with AWBI to educate Jaipur's activists and begin work against institutionalized cruelty on farm animals in Jaipur.



August, 2014
Enabling journalists to understand animal issues

Creatively designed and presented, FIAPO reached out to an audience of influencers and decision-makers by circulating 2000 information packs to Indian journalists.



August, 2014
Living Free On The Go



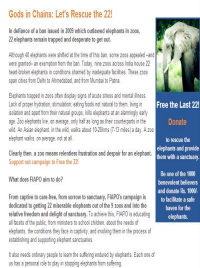
FIAPO conducted a leafleting tour across India - Living Free On The Go, introducing the 'Living Free' concept in five new cities, taking the number of cities in which outreach is conducted to 12.

August, 2014
Kerala Federation Campaigns for Homeless Animals

A great example of FIAPO's collaborative work – The Kerala federation launched a campaign for adoption of homeless animals, bringing more than a dozen activists together and bagging with it the support and sponsorship from Drools, a dog food company.



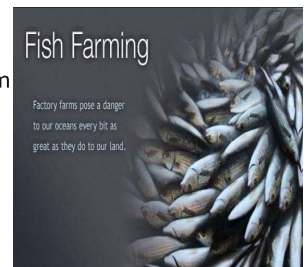
August, 2014
Campaign to Get Elephants OUT of Zoos



FIAPO started a campaign to free the last 22 elephants from Zoos, which often provide such limited facilities that elephants are forced to stand in chains 100 percent of the time, sometimes without another elephant, in conditions of desperate boredom, lack of exercise, intellectual atrophy, separation from natural environment and truly endless hours in frustration and stress.

July, 2014
FIAPO Fights "Fish Farming"

FIAPO recognizes that fish are also beings who need protection from exploitation and cruelty. Whether a living being is warm blooded or cold; whether a being has scales, fur, fins or wings, toes or hooves, all animals must live free from fear and suffering. When Punjab increased the subsidy for fish farming, FIAPO intervened and wrote to the Chief Minister, highlighting the suffering of fish force-bred in gross confinement, unable experience natural lives, slaughtered on site.



July, 2014

FIAPO Opposes Expanding Slaughterhouses in Trivandrum

FIAPO wrote to government authorities to formally voice protest against its plans, expressed through a popular magazine article, to expand the number of slaughterhouses in Tamil Nadu.

FIAPO responds to Times of India for publishing an article highlighting animal protein consumption as a method for weight loss

To, The Editor, The Times of India

Dear Sir,

Sub: Reference to the article published on 4th July, 2014 titled "Protein-rich diet better for weight loss" in the Health & Fitness section.

I am writing from the Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organisations (FIAPO). 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 education, research, lobbying, mobilization, training and direct action. Created for the movement, by the movement, FIAPO is India's only national federation. It has 54 members and over 200 supporter organizations across the country.

I would like to bring your notice to the article titled "Protein-rich diet better for weight loss", published on the 4th of July, 2014. (Refer Annexure 1). This article talks about how a diet with proteins can be an effective weight loss technique.

The article may encourage individuals to consume animal protein for a healthier waistline; however, much of our animal protein today comes from industrialised factory farms which can cause more harm than good. A recent WHO report states that our bodies are becoming increasingly anti-biotic resistant due to consumption

July, 2014

Vigilance Demonstration at Jaipur

In support of the government's decision to declare camel as the state animal, local federation members unite and organize a demonstration at statue circle, pulling crowds in huge numbers.



Response letter to the Director of Animal Husbandry, Tamil Nadu regarding the increasing and modernizing slaughterhouses (FIAPO)

Dear Sir, Animal Welfare Division in Slaughterhouse. The article is of great concern to animal practitioners both at the state and national level as it once again highlights the focus of the state government towards expanding and increasing the capacity and processing systems of slaughterhouses without caring for the welfare of the animals who are killed in these slaughterhouses on a daily basis.

July, 2014

Objecting to TOI's Erroneous Encouragement of Animal Protein to Achieve Weight Loss

In an attempt to encourage media to be more welfare and consumer conscious, FIAPO wrote to the Editor of Times of India, explaining the negative impact consuming animal products has on animals and people.



Animal rights activists express gratitude to the Raj government for declaring camel as the state animal. Anil Kumar / PTI

July, 2014 Gorillas don't belong in Zoos

Following the death of Polo – the last caged gorilla, FIAPO urged the government to prohibit the import and confinement of gorillas in captivity in India. FIAPO also enjoyed the support of leading primate expert, Dr. Jane Goodall to the cause.

**June, 2014
Publication: Freedom from Factories**

An article written by FIAPO about the consequences of factory farming was published in CSE India.



Business Standard

Stop growth of animal farms: Activists

By Nitesh Kumar | New Delhi, May 26, 2014 | Updated at 11:30 AM

When WHO report highlights that use of antibiotics in animal farms poses a danger to the health of humans, an animal rights group has called for a ban on the proliferation of animal farms.

The campaign was launched by the Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organizations (FIAPO). It says that in the very process of giving pigs and other animals to be used for commercial purposes, such as eating and for products, the animals are fed antibiotics regularly which causes health problems for them as well as for humans who consume their food products.

Pragna Mittal, campaigner, said, "WHO report highlights that antibiotic resistance in both animals and people has become a global health challenge.

"The use of antibiotics in animal farms is a major concern for human health. The use of antibiotics in animal farms is a major concern for human health. The use of antibiotics in animal farms is a major concern for human health.

**June, 2014
Restricting growth of Animal farms**

FIAPO ran an online campaign to stop the proliferation of animal farms across India, and posted a WHO report highlighting the risk of antibiotics to human health.

**May, 2014
FIAPO Stopped IFFCO Mega Dairy**

FIAPO lobbied and successfully prevented the establishment of a mega-dairy by IFFCO-Fonterra in Andhra Pradesh, which had plans to confine 40,000 cows in a single facility. IFFCO's industrial model had included plans for importing exotic cows, non-native sperm and embryos from New Zealand in what promised to be one of the greatest cruelty calamities for cows in Indian history.



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Do not import gorillas to Indian zoos, appeals NGO

New Delhi, May 13, 2014 (IANS)

An NGO working for animal rights Tuesday appealed for the area authority to not to prohibit any further import of gorillas to Indian zoos.

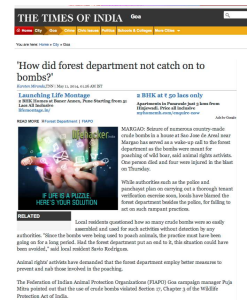
"The recent death of a gorilla (43 years old) at the Mysore Zoo, after spending 18 years in isolation, highlights unsustainability of the highly intelligent and endangered species to be held in captivity. We have appealed to the Central Zoo Authority of India to prohibit any further import of gorillas to Indian zoos," Pragna Mittal, campaigner, Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organizations (FIAPO), said in a statement.

**May, 2014
Called for Ban on Import of Gorillas**

FIAPO wrote to Mysore Zoo and the Central Zoo Authority, urging them to prohibit import of gorillas to zoos in India.

**May, 2014
Fighting Fire**

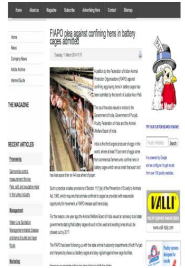
FIAPO condemned the use of bombs for poaching animals in Goa, following a blast that killed one and injured four.



March, 2014

FIAPO files PIL against battery cages in Punjab and Haryana

In its battle against the cruel practice of keeping egg laying hens in battery cages FIAPO moved the Punjab and Haryana High Court to prohibit the confining of birds to such cages and ensure that the birds are able to exercise basic natural behavior.



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The chicken you eat may be making you drug resistant

KIRTI PANDEY & ADITYA SAMOVAR Special Feature | 1st Mar 2014

Antibiotics being given to your table may be making you resistant to antibiotics. Poultry birds in India are being fed low doses of antibiotics through their water and/or food to make them grow faster and to increase their weight. Many of these antibiotics are similar to those consumed by humans, leading to drug resistance. Bacteria in the poultry trade (in humans) start resisting antibiotics when exposed to




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March, 2014 Sensitizing citizens

FIAPO, in association with The Sunday Guardian, participated in an undercover expose of the use of drugs in animal food products. The story aimed at sensitizing the public to the suffering of chickens in commercial factory farms.

March, 2014

Taking the battle for chicken to Maharashtra

In keeping with our aim of improving the lives of hens raised for egg production, FIAPO filed a writ petition in the Mumbai High Court, challenging the cruel conditions in which egg laying birds are raised.



May, 2014

Save Chickens - Just Say No!

FIAPO launched a two-week campaign to educate consumers about the suffering of chickens in factory farms.



May, 2014

Respect for Chickens

FIAPO conducted an on-line awareness campaign to teach people about the lives of chickens confined in factory farms, and to encourage people to stop eating eggs and other animal products.



May, 2014 Day of Living Free

FIAPO organised the national Day of Living Free to sensitize public to the rights of animals and reduce the consumption of animal products. Distributing information, showing videos, leafleting, conducting competitions and simply talking about how animals suffer when we eat and use them lit up five Indian cities and touched thousands of people.



April, 2014 Saving Circus Animals

FIAPO began filing complaints against the Moonlight Circus, for not feeding their animals properly since March 1, and issuing a "show cause" notice—which began the court proceedings that resulted, ultimately in the confiscation of 22 animals from the circus.

Member Organisations:

FIAPO's Strength

Aashray for Sick & Helpless Animals, Uttar Pradesh
Aashray, Rajasthan
Action for protection of Wild Animals, Odisha
All Creatures Great and Small, Delhi
Animal Aid Charitable Trust, Rajasthan
Animal Birds Nature Foundation, Karnataka
Animal Care Land Society, Andhra Pradesh
Animal Rescue Kerala, Kerala
Animals Matter to Me, Maharashtra
Blue Cross of Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh
Blue Cross of India, Tamil Nadu
Bombay SPCA, Maharashtra
Charitable Welfare Society for Humankind & Animals, Madhya Pradesh
Compassion Unlimited plus Action, Karnataka
Compassionate Living, Delhi
Daya, Kerala
Foundation for Animals, Andhra Pradesh
Goa Animal Welfare Trust, Goa
Gujarat SPCA, Gujarat
Help in Suffering, Rajasthan
Humane Animal Society, Tamil Nadu
In Defence of Animals, Maharashtra
Indian Society for Human Animal Welfare, Maharashtra
Indian Vegan Society, Karnataka
Institute of Jeevakaranyam and Research, Andhra Pradesh
International
Animal and Birds Welfare Society, Andhra Pradesh
International Animal Rescue Goa, Goa
Just Be Friendly Trust, Assam
Karuna International, Tamil Nadu
Leaf India, Rajasthan
Lets live Together, Karnataka
India Project for Animals and Nature, Tamil Nadu

Maitri Club, Odisha
People for Animals Bangalore
hPeople for Animals Angul, Odisha
People For Animals, Goa
People for Animals, Karnataka
People for Animals, Hyderabad and Secunderabad
People For Animals Morena, Madhya Pradesh
People For Animals Nayagarha, Odisha
Plant and Animals Welfare Society, Maharashtra
Plants and Animals Related to Humans, Maharashtra
Prayas Team Environment Chairitable Trust, Gujarat
Raksha, Rajasthan
Samabhava, Karnataka
Sanctified Terra for Rueful Animals Society, West Bengal
Save Our Strays, Maharashtra
Seva Smarpan, Rajasthan
SHARAN, Pondicherry
Shree Karuna Foundation Trust, Gujarat
Society for Animal Welfare, Andhra Pradesh
SPCA Noida, Uttar Pradesh
Stray Relief and Animal welfare , New Delhi
Thane SPCA, Maharashtra
The Happy Foundation for Animals, Delhi
Tree of Life of Animals (TOFLA), Rajasthan
Vets Beyond Borders India Charitable Trust, New Delhi
Vishnu Charitable Trust, Haryana
Welfare of Stray Dogs, Mumbai, Maharashtra
Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre (WRRC), Karnataka
Worldwide Veterinary service India, Tamil Nadu

Local Federations

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
EWCS
Help In Suffering
Help Suffering Lives Society
Jeev Prem
Living Ethics and Animal Foundation
IndiaPeople 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
Social Association for Forests and Environment
SPCA

Pune Federation of Animal Protection Organizations (PFAPO)

Animal Friends
Blue Cross Society
Jeevraksha
People for Animals
ResQ
SPCA

Trustees, Ambassadors & Staff

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Treasurer- Abodh Aras
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The battles we fight for Animals are only possible because of the support that people like you offer. These animals and birds cannot be saved without your help. Please consider making a donation to sustain this life saving work. **Donate at www.fiapo.org**

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