FEDERATION OF INDIAN ANIMAL PROTECTION ORGANISATIONS (FIAPO) IS INDIA’S LEADING ANIMAL PROTECTION BODY.

As a collective voice for the animal protection community in India, FIAPO unites all animal protection organisations nationwide to exchange ideas, build expertise, and strengthen the country’s animal protection movement.

FIAPO works with over 174 member organizations and over 1000 activists in more than 70 cities across India. FIAPO is the largest Federation in the country and one of the largest movement-building organisations in the world.
VISION

Recognition and respect for animal rights in society.

MISSION

To enable and empower animal protectors to achieve animal rights. To work collectively as a unified voice by developing, promoting, and exchanging ideas, information, and resources in support of the animal protection movement in India.

HOW WE WORK

FIAPO is able to achieve new heights for animals by bringing people together through awareness, engaging activities that promote animal rights, and acting as a resource and information center for all animal protection organisations.

FIAPO connects people locally, regionally, and nationally by facilitating expertise and assistance. FIAPO acts as a bridging gap for animal rights organisations, activists, and volunteers, thus helping to create equitable and wholesome life for animals.
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We teamed up with Hindi rap’s megastar Baba Sehgal and Voctronica for our diet change campaign “Eat The Plant, Not The Planet”.

Together, we reached out to over 10 million people!

We worked with Mallika Sherawat, Anushka Sharma, Adah Sharma, Aparna Bajpai, Aadar Malik, Meher Malik, Shwetha Shekhar, and Sonali Singh to reach out to youth and join the campaign.

Through our digital efforts, we reached out to 33 million people persuading them to follow animal-friendly lifestyles.
We inspired 10,790 people to sign up for the 21-day challenge, supporting them with a varied range of recipes, information on plant-based products available in the market, and nutritional benefits that encourage them to switch to a plant-based diet.

Due to the pandemic and the subsequent lockdown, FIAPO moved its outreach activities to digital platforms like social media, emailers, volunteer programs, and sign-ups on its active campaign, and supported our activist network to shift to online advocacy.
We persuaded the Department of Fisheries, Government of India to be inclusive of animal welfare, environmental protection, and public health hazard elimination under the “Draft National Fisheries Policy” that is currently being redrafted by the government.

Our investigation received nationwide coverage in 25 digital media and print publications, including the top 7 publications with a large readership.

The findings of the investigation were also presented in the Aquatic Animal Welfare Conference that worked on improving the aquaculture issue across the world.

FIAPO co-authored Fish Welfare Initiative's Fish Welfare scoping report of India to support other organizations and help the movement grow in India.

We published a white paper on the state of affairs of aquaculture in India.
As a result of our undercover investigation in dairy farms in Gujarat, local authorities were persuaded to adopt voluntary standards for welfare in dairy farms. Properly enforced, these will end the zero-grazing, intensively confined conditions of cows and buffaloes in modern dairy farms.

FIAPO went undercover to investigate dairies in Prayagraj and Varanasi and found animals living in horrifying conditions. We have filed a case in Allahabad High Court on behalf of dairy animals in UP.

FIAPO is working with the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) to ensure animal welfare guidelines are given importance by amending the Registration of Cattle Premises Rules (RCPR).
FIAPO persuaded Food Safety and Standards Authority India (FSSAI) to take direct action against illegal meat shops. This was on the basis of a detailed report and representation FIAPO submitted based on the diverse investigation findings, complaints filed against illegal meat shops in 7 cities across India. This report was submitted to national-level bureaucrats & FSSAI to take action against illegal meat shops.

During the peak periods of the pandemic, we persuaded FSSAI of Assam to take action against illegal meat shops, which resulted in the cracking down on illegal meat shops in the state.
We garnered the support and mobilization of **346 activists** across **10 cities** to steer this work against illegal meat shops in their cities.

Living Free App was launched in all 10 cities where stop slaughter work is active and helping people file complaints against illegal meat shops in their cities.

**499** complaints being filed by the activists and member organisations on our Living Free app.
In 2020, FIAPO filed a petition in the High Court of Delhi seeking the rescue of animals in circuses due to the COVID-19 pandemic and challenged Sections 21 to 27 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.

As a result of our litigation, the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) canceled the registrations of 5 circuses with over 100 animals and the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) canceled the recognition of the last circus in India using elephants for performances.

We brought together key organisations working for the welfare of captive elephants to respond to key issues, produce in-depth research & liaise with the Government. The coalition took up the issue of the deaths of the elephants in Kerala & Jaipur Hathigaon.

FIAPO collaborated with other organisations in India, WRRC, PETA, WAP the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MOEF) to support Elephants during the COVID lockdown.

We published a whitepaper on the behavioural needs of Elephants in India to drive policy change for captive elephants.
FIAPPO launched The Plant Factor Challenge to drive innovation for better alternatives to animal products, in the plant-based food sector to support emerging businesses.

- The top 3 winners of the challenge were awarded Rs. 20 Lakh and access to experts in management, research, networking, funding, and mentorship support to form a wholesome and successful plant-based company.

- We supported India’s top 8 plant-based businesses through a workshop series on business planning and creating investment decks. We've also launched a business directory called The Plant Factor-y, a one-stop-shop for plant-based alternatives.
• We’re proud to have **21 new member organisations** who joined our network, taking our member strength to **174**.

• Our grassroots activists’ network was expanded to **20 new cities** in the year **2020**. Our grassroots movement is now active across **110 cities**.

• FIAPO activated **383 new volunteers** to the network, making the movement stronger and wider with **1000+ grassroots activists** across the country.

• We trained 18 new leaders in strategically important cities across the country to grow the movement at the local level.

• We conducted 3 networking connections for activists with an **average participation rate of 33 activists** to guide them to resolve local human-animal conflict via peer-group, driven by problem-solving exercises.
To help our members harness the power of digital media, we conducted capacity-building webinars for them. A total of 11 webinars on farmed animal advocacy and related topics were conducted.

Some of the topics covered include impactful communication, humane education, leveraging the power of social media, creating engaging, insightful, inspiring content on social media, awareness about animal rights and laws.

We also had experts from the nutrition and health industry who conducted sessions for reversing lifestyle-driven diseases and educating the participants on the health impacts of dairy products.

3 webinars happened through the ‘Learn From Leaders’ webinar series that was started as part of continuing engagement with activists during this lockdown, on digital activism, and on stopping illegal slaughter activism.

967 participants were trained via 10 webinars addressing the various aspects of human-street animal conflict.

The webinars educated on cruelty cases responses, the importance of anti-rabies vaccination, mitigating human-street animal conflicts, legalities surrounding human-street animal conflicts, etc.
FIAPO worked with 102 Members of Parliament (MPs) to sensitize them on animal protection issues at a local and national level.

Close to 20 MP's to date has raised 35 questions pertaining to animal welfare in the parliament. These questions range from demanding stricter welfare laws for animals to highlighting cruelty meticulously to animals.

FIAPO approached 50 MP's from various parts of India to work at the National and state level. This work mainly involved writing letters to the government on behalf of FIAPO, making necessary interventions at a bureaucratic level as and when required and accelerating work in the government ministries.
Furthermore, we engaged MP’s by writing letters on important issues such as the amendment of the PCA Act, 1960.

FIAPO also actively writes to MPs to request them to sign a pledge and letter of support. We have written close to 70 such letters and have received 5 positive responses from MPs.
07. "IN THEIR OWN RIGHT" - A FIRST OF ITS KIND STUDY TO DOCUMENT CRIMES AGAINST ANIMALS IN INDIA

FIAPO & ACGS study revealed distressing statistics as 4,93,910 animals in India were victims of crimes committed by humans in 10 years.

- The report shows five animals die every day due to violent crimes committed by humans.

- The actual figure is likely to be 10 times higher – amounting to 2 animals being killed every hour.

- To prevent such atrocious crimes, key recommendations were made to set up a dedicated ministry to oversee aspects of animal welfare, protection, and rights as the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) being under the Ministry of Animal Husbandry and Fisheries is a clear conflict of interest.

- The report also argues for a public record of crimes against animals to be published by the National Crimes Records Bureau.

- Additionally, the report recommends that crimes against animals must be appropriately graded, and punishment must be provided for them according to the severity of the crime.
08. Media Coverage & Social Media Campaigns

The next frontier for animal welfare: Fish
Fish are farmed in higher numbers than any other animals, but they have been given much attention from the animal welfare movement.

By Kenny Torrelle | Mar 2, 2021, 9:30am EST

Stop unethical farm practices

The pandemic is only a trailer of the havoc they can cause.

Last January, China reported its first death from the novel coronavirus. And soon enough, the Wuhan virus started wreaking havoc.

Study finds hazardous levels of insecticides, antibiotics in fish, shrimp farming in 10 states

A new study by the Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organisations (FIAPO) and All Creatures Great and Small (ACGS) has found that 100% of the fish and shrimp farms in India have hazardous levels of lead and...
The Fishious Cycle
Hazardous levels of lead and cadmium found in freshwater fish farms.

STAY TUNED FOR FULL INVESTIGATION REPORT

Uncovering the White Lies – FiAPO’s Latest Investigation in Gujarat’s Dairy Farms
79% of the farms tied the hind legs of the cows while they were milked.

READ THE FULL REPORT

If you’re eating chicken flesh and eggs, you are putting the world at risk for a bird flu catastrophe.

GO PLANT-BASED TODAY

Documenting 10 Years of Crimes Against Animals
70% of the documented cases of crimes against animals did not even make it to the news.

DEMAND JUSTICE

Give the Planet a Break

PLANT-BASED MILK IS MILK TOO!
When the Pandemic hit us in early 2020, it disrupted our work, and the work of our members, and put animal lives at risk. FIAPO rose to the challenge of supporting its members to save animals' lives and to campaign for a better relationship with nature.

- During the nationwide lockdown due to Pandemic in 2020, FIAPO raised Rs. 24.16 lakh to help 25 member organisations to continue their work on the field by providing food, water bowls, medical aid to the street animals. This enabled our members to feed 2,13,100 meals to animals affected by the lockdown.

- FIAPO launched a COVID helpline to provide legal guidance specific to the conditions in the caller's city/ state as well as to provide networking assistance to the people and animal activists who wanted to help animals in distress.

- During 2020’s pandemic peak, FIAPO received support from 100 doctors across the country demanding action against illegal meat shops and wet markets across the country directed towards the Health Ministry, as studies showed they are the hotspots of pathogens transmission.

World Health Organisation has clarified that there is **NO EVIDENCE** that companion animals/pets such as dogs or cats can transmit the Corona Virus.

**ALL THAT ANIMALS SPREAD IS LOVE**
Responding to COVID and Keeping Animals Safe

- FIAPo’s engagement with the CM of Karnataka, Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI), SWBI, Commissioners, principal secretary & Director Animal Husbandry to form regulations against the abandoning of pet animals and the feeding of street animals during COVID-19.

- FIAPo Engaged with TN FSA and Delhi FSA to change rules for including animal welfare in guidelines in wake of COVID.

- Created and facilitated a strategy group for members dealing with the COVID crisis, and a specialist group working on elephants, to ensure free flow of information, coordinated action, and peer support to member organisations.

- Represented India in several international civil society coalitions, contributing to global efforts for building a more just world.
What Our Members Say About Us....

Animal Welfare Association
Meenakshi Mahapatra,
Chairperson/Founder

One the best organization I know to date. This organization is always ready to support the partner organizations. They have not only helped us spreading awareness regarding laws, but they also helped us in last year's lockdown to feed the community animals. The employees they have hired work with passion. We, the organization wish FIAPO success.

FAITH Foundation
Rishabh Shukla,
Founder

It's been one year since we have associated with FIAPO. They have been helpful in making our feeding drive successful. They have been our support at a tough time by providing financial and legal support.
Testimonials From Our Member Organizations

FIAPO binds smaller animal NGOs and combines their strength with a national-level entity. FIAPO is a beacon to lead animal lovers to protect all animals. National programs, training, Legal Helpline from FIAPO is the right direction and speed. FIAPO can lead the charge in bringing new animal welfare laws to cohabitate all living beings.

Mumbai Animal Association
Sourabh Edwankar
Founder & Treasurer

FIAPO has been an incredible aggregator, representing diverse interests of all animals, especially companion animals which is our focus. By creating a platform, pooling concerns asks, and collectively representing solutions and initiatives, FIAPO gives hardworking but scattered NGOs like us (who may try very hard individually) greater collective impact confidence and reach.

The CJ Memorial Trust
Priya Chetty-Rajagopal
Managing Trustee
We Thank You for Your Continued Support and Contribution to FIAPO