

Future of Camels in India –

A report on the National Seminar

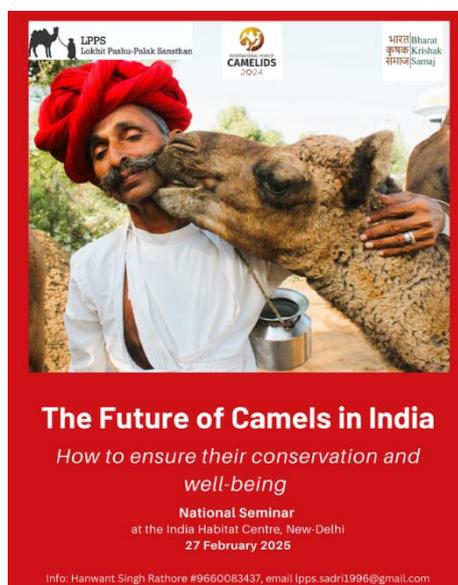
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The FAO (Food and Agricultural Organization) of the United Nations has extended the International Year of Camelids 2024 into 2025. As the camel population in India continues to be threatened, its traditional camel herding communities are losing livelihoods and resources, and ancestral knowledge systems about managing camels in harmony with the fading environment.

Thus, a National Seminar was organized by Lokhit Pashu-Palak Sansthan (LPPS) and the Bharat Krishak Samaj (BKS) on 27 February 2025 at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi with different stakeholders suggesting innovative ideas and approaches. In the context of the extended International Year of Camelids, this multi-stakeholder national seminar on the Future of Camels in India was attended by the FAO India representative Takayuki Hagiwara. Facilitated by Dr. Nitya Ghotge, papers were presented on the role of camels in livelihoods by vets, researchers, developmental professionals, camel herders, and experts. Dr. Ilse Kohler Rollefson presented the status of the camel in India in a global context. Representatives of the Department of Animal Husbandry

and Dairying of the Government of India and Rajasthan were also present, as well as various animal welfare organizations.

A tale of the camel herders themselves, including those from Godwar who supply milk to Camel Charisma Private Limited also shared their views. Kumud Dadlani highlighted the potential of camel products in the culinary arts. The UAE-based Augusta DeLisi presented why she sources cruelty-free camel milk from Rajasthan for Nomadic Nutrition. The head of the Food Division of Fab India talked about the perspectives on camels in the wellness industry. Camel breeders from Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Maharashtra also shared their perspectives. Four working groups on - the promotion of camel milk, the Rajasthan Camel (Prohibition of Slaughter and Regulation of Temporary Migration or Export) Law, involvement of youth for camel herding and conservation of rangelands, and CPR management presented the recommendations on the topics assigned.



[Background note on the National Seminar can be accessed here.](#)

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