



Lokhit Pashu-Palak
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International Conference

Saving the Camel and Peoples' Livelihoods:

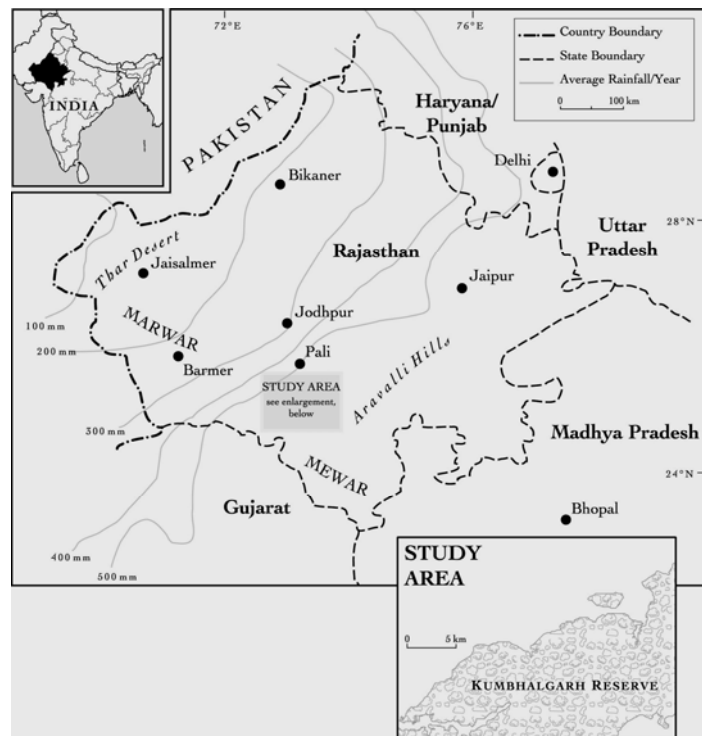
Building a Multi-Stakeholder Platform for the Conservation of the Camel in Rajasthan

Information for Participants

Welcome to Rajasthan, LPPS, and the Raika pastoralist community! We are very pleased about your interest in this workshop/conference which will bring together the diverse groups concerned by, and with, the rapid decline of the camel population in Rajasthan, including the Raika and other camel breeders, scientists, policy makers, rural development organisations and donors. We have decided to hold this event in a setting that provides a real opportunity for understanding the situation of the camel-breeding communities, and this provides certain logistical challenges. So that participation is as interesting and rewarding as possible, and so that you providing you with a memorable experience, we are providing some practical information. Although the somewhat "remote" location of the conference venue imposes certain limitations of the infrastructure, we are sure these will be compensated for by the beautiful setting and the cultural richness and diversity of our area. To prepare you for your stay, we have summarised some relevant information below.

Geographical Orientation

The conference will take place in Rajasthan, the most western "desert state" of India. The venue is the small town of Sadri, located in Pali district on the road connecting the two major tourist destinations of Jodhpur (160 km) and Udaipur (100 km). This small but historical town is situated at the foot of the Aravalli Hills which separate the desert from India's fertile central plateau. Sadri is also the gateway to the Kumbhalgarh Sanctuary which hosts leopards, sloth bears, wolves. Grey jungle fowl and other wildlife.



Venue

LPPS Training Centre at Alsipura, near Sadri, District Pali, Rajasthan.

Accommodation

A good selection of accommodation ranging from basic dharamshalas to scenically located mid-range hotels and luxury heritage hotels is available. We have negotiated special rates with most of these hotels. Please indicate your preference as soon as possible since this will be the peak tourist season.

Communication

We acknowledge and apologise that communication with LPPS can be difficult, since the E-mail connection frequently becomes interrupted, and sometimes even the telephone line. So please bear with us, if you find it difficult to get in touch with us and communication is interrupted. We regret that we will not be able to provide participants with e-mail opportunity during the conference, so please come mentally prepared for being off-line for the duration of the meeting. Long distance and International telephone calls are easily possible from the many STD booths in Sadri. There is also one internet café in Sadri.

Dates

Pre-Conference Workshop: 17-19 November

This workshop is devoted towards in-depth discussion of the grazing problem for large camel herds and its outcome will provide an important input to the conference

Visit to Pushkar Fair: 20-22 November

Conference: 23-25 November, 2004

Climate

In November the weather will be sunny and quite warm (25°C) during the day, but cool at night. Light clothing for the day, with a woollen sweater or cardigan for the evenings is advised

Visa

International participants must obtain a visa from the Indian Embassy in their country before entering India. We will issue you with an official letter of invitation if required and fax it either to you or directly to the Embassy

Vaccinations

No vaccinations are required to enter India. Contact your physician to find out whether malaria prophylaxis is considered necessary.

Arrival by air

The nearest airport is in Udaipur (100 km distance). From the airport you can take a taxi which will cost about 1000 Rs. (ca. 20 EURO). There are at least two flights per day from Delhi and Mumbai to Udaipur with Jet Airways and Indian Airlines. These flights can get booked out, especially during the tourist season, so please make your reservation as soon as possible.

Arrival by train

The nearest railway station is at Falna on the Delhi-Ahmadabad Line, about 35 km from Sadri. Convenient trains include the Delhi-Ahmadabad Mail and many others. If you communicate your arrival information, we will arrange for you to be met at the station. In case something goes wrong, please take a jeep or taxi to Sadri. The taxi fare will be around 200 Rs.

Programme

The programme will include field visits so that participants can gain first hand experience of the Raika way of life and have an opportunity for questions and exchange with this pastoralist community. We will do our best to provide translation from the local language (Marwari) into English and vice versa.

Your Presentation

We have arranged equipment for powerpoint presentations. If you require any other audiovisual aids, please let us know. To be on the safe side, please be prepared to give your presentation without any aids needing electricity (although we will have a back-up generator in case of electricity black-out). We also recommend that you bring 30 copies of your presentation, since the quality of photocopying available in Sadri is not very good.

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