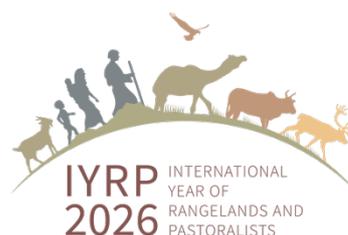




Update from RISG-South Asia ISG Meeting July 7, 2023

Tatsama
Communications team



Structure of the RISG

- **Chair:** Dr. Arun M. Dixit
- **Co-chair:** Mr. P. Vivekanandan
- **Communications team:** Natasha Maru, Tatsama Motilal, Rashmi Singh, Anita Sharma, Sajal Kulkarni, Kishore Sheik Ahamed
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 - Dr. Anirban Guha, Assistant Commissioner, Pastoral Cell, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, New Delhi

Membership

Afghanistan	2
Bangladesh	1
Bhutan	1
India	78
Nepal	1
Pakistan	2
Sri Lanka	2
Others	5

Updates on activities April-June 2023

#	Date	Event Name	Organised by / in Collaboration with
1	April 11-12, 2023	“South Asia-level Learning and Exchange Program to Sustain Pastoralism” at Ahmedabad	SAPA
2	May 12, 2023	Online Knowledge Sharing and Dialogue Session – “Towards Sustainability and Inclusion: Public Policy for Pastoralists in Jammu and Kashmir” with Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Secy., Tribal Affairs, GoJK	RISG-SA
3	29 May to 1 June 2023	Attended Regional Workshop on Managing Rangelands for Multiple Benefits	ICIMOD

- Orientation on IYRP at our respective events / workshops – with National Youth Pastoralist Association – to make IYRP a people’s movement
- Clubbing with parallel national actions such as Pastoral Census (first ever in India)
- Opening channels of communication with MoEFCC, Pastoral Cell, FAO India. Etc. – gathering key contacts, nodal officers in the govt., etc.
- Proposals to FAO – to take IYRP into ‘campaign’ mode – submitted (revision in progress based on feedback received from FAO India)

A campaign strategy is more important than a comms strategy.

- Other proposals – in progress
- Song by SEVA
- Change in chairmanship

Planned Activities

1	Raising awareness within communities and other key stakeholders on the importance of pastoralism, rangeland management and IYRP 2026. Identify and map rangelands lands and initiate action for Preparation of Plan for regeneration in association with MGNREGA .
2	Organising 2 days National Workshops (13 to 14- Sep-2023) with key stakeholders including policy makers on Rangeland Policy and 10 regional workshops cum exhibition on pastoralist culture, knowledge systems, stories, local breeds, herbal plants for animal health etc. in 10 locations/ states- Annually (10 states viz. Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Uttarkhand, Himachal Pradesh , Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Arunachal Pradesh)
3	Document, develop and disseminate communication materials on IYRP themes/papers in local languages 2023-2026.
5	Recognizing pastoralists through awards for best practices related to pasture land and local breed conservation at South Asia level (10 awards annually at South Asia level) with 30 awards in 2023-26

Action Plans of the RISG- SA

- Submission of Project proposal with ILRI, New Delhi office; ICIMOD, Nepal; FAO
- Online ice-breaking dialogue session with Pastoral Cell
- Community – region wise webinars – drawing example from J&K webinar – inviting govt. representatives to present existing provisions for pastoralists
- Organising National Workshop on Rangeland Policy and Rural Employment Generation Program/MGNREGA for Pasture land development on 13-15 Sep 2023 in association with IGFRI, FES, ILRI, NIRDPR, etc.
- Regional/state/cluster-level workshop with stakeholders on pastureland issues, migration, etc., at 10 places from 2023 onwards
- Documentation of 10 best practices at South Asia level

Challenges experienced by the RISG-SA

- No core funding for group coordination
- No full time coordinator; active ad-hoc volunteers (availability basis)
- Unable to tap public funds due to laborious procedure

IYRP Song

IYRP IYRP All the Region IYRP (2)
Contribution, Contribution, Collective Livestock Contribution
Country grazing Distribution, Community Contribution
Entry point, Entry point, Economy Country point
Equity only point, Eco-friendly Grazing point [IYRP]
Restore, Pasture Land, Regenerate, Pasture land
Custodian Common land, Customary Pasture land
Castewise Pastoralists, Caring Animal Diversity
Climate Uncertainty, Livestock moving Community [IYRP]
Bio---diversity, Participating Community
Pastoral Activity, for the Service Humanity
Pioneer Community, Passing knowledge nativity
Planet earth priority, climate carbon utility (IYRP)

Thank you