

Maru Manthan 2024: Forum Unites Global Efforts to Preserve Desert Ecosystem



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Jaisalmer, Rajasthan: Today marks the commencement of the 3rd edition of Maru Manthan, a transformative forum orchestrated by the Desert Resource Centre and Urmul, in collaboration with desert communities. Held on February 9th and 10th, 2024, in the heart of Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, Maru Manthan stands as a beacon for celebrating the indomitable spirit of the desert and fostering sustainable solutions amidst its challenges.

The forum draws together an illustrious lineup of organizations and individuals dedicated to desert conservation and community empowerment. Representatives from esteemed entities such as the Foundation for Ecological Security, Ministry of Lowlands & Irrigation (Ethiopia), Camel Herders Association (Rajasthan), and various other stakeholders converge to share insights and best practices.

Anshul Ojha, Director of Desert Resource Centre, underscores the significance of Maru Manthan as not just a gathering, but a movement towards safeguarding the desert's essence. He emphasizes the need for collective action in forging a sustainable future for this unique ecosystem.

Coinciding with the UN International Year of Camelids, Maru Manthan 2024 shines a spotlight on the vital role of camels in desert livelihoods. Participants engage in diverse activities, including demonstrations of pastoral production systems, panel discussions on climate resilience, and the exploration of innovative solutions tailored to desert communities.

Furthermore, Maru Manthan heralds the inception of the Desert Alliance, a collaborative initiative aimed at addressing multifaceted desert bioregion agendas through unified efforts.





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