

Global Pastoralist Gathering and Conference 2026

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Why in News?

Mongolia hosted the Global Pastoralist Gathering and Conference 2026 recently.

- **Organised under** – International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) 2026.
- It brought together pastoralists, policymakers, researchers, Indigenous Peoples, civil society organisations and development partners from 100+ countries.
- **Host** – Mongolia (UNCCD COP17, also hosted by Mongolia)
- **Partner** – [Food and Agriculture Organization \(FAO\)](#)

India is among the founding members of FAO.

- **Participants** – Around 400, including about 240 international delegates.
- **Field visits** – Delegates visited pastoral areas across Mongolia to understand local herding practices and sustainable rangeland management.
- **Focus areas**
 - Sustainable pastoralism
 - Rangeland management
 - Climate resilience
 - Biodiversity conservation
 - Food security
 - Traditional knowledge
 - Sustainable livestock production
- The gathering worked towards developing three important declarations –
 - Global Pastoralists' Declaration
 - Women's Pastoralists' Declaration
 - Youth Pastoralists' Declaration
- These recommendations are expected to contribute to discussions at UNCCD COP17 on land restoration, desertification, drought resilience and land management.

International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) 2026

- **Proclaimed by** – UN General Assembly as the initiative was led by Mongolia.
- **Purpose** – To raise global awareness about the importance of rangelands and pastoralist communities
- **Focus areas** –

- Food security
- Biodiversity
- Climate resilience
- Sustainable livelihoods
- Ecosystem health



Reference

[FAO.org| Global Pastoralist Gathering and Conference 2026](https://www.fao.org/global-pastoralist-gathering-and-conference-2026/)

