



Double-Humped Bactrian Camel

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- **Context:** For the first time, a dedicated **animal contingent** of the Indian Army, featuring the double-humped Bactrian camel, will participate in the **77th Republic Day parade (2026)**.
- **Species Profile:**
- **Habitat:** Primarily found in the Hunder area of the Nubra Valley, Ladakh.
- **Capabilities:** Adapted to extreme high-altitude cold deserts (above 15,000 ft) and temperatures as low as -40°C .
- **Military Role:** They can carry loads up to **250 kg**, far exceeding the 40-60 kg capacity of local ponies. They are used for logistical support and patrolling along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).
- **Significance:** Their debut highlights India's unique high-altitude defense capabilities and the integration of indigenous fauna into modern military logistics.