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Despite the National Green Tribunal (NGT) orders, illegal salt pans and encroachment of creeks continue to threaten Kachchh's Kharai camels.

About Kharai Camel

- It is **indigenous to Gujarat**, derives its name from the local term "Khara," meaning saline, reflecting its **adaptability to both desert and coastal ecosystems**.
- The Kharai is known for its **rare ability to swim long distances** and graze on mangroves.
- The camels swim long distances in the sea to reach its grazing areas, usually more than 3 km at a time **even in deep waters**.
- It has been preserved by the **Rabari and Fakirani Jat tribes** for over 400 years
- These camels exist, primarily in Kutch, where they play a crucial role in local ecosystems, particularly in maintaining mangrove forests.
- Kharai camel milk is not only rich in nutrients but also **has therapeutic properties**.

- The milk contains antibodies that are similar to those found in human milk, making it easier to digest and beneficial for boosting the immune system.
- **Conservation Status: IUCN:** Endangered

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