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## National Review Meeting on Conservation Breeding of Vulture Species Held | Haryana | 25 Sep 2021

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### Why in News

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Recently the **Central Zoo Authority (CZA)** at **Vulture Conservation Breeding Center (VCBC)**, Pinjore, Haryana along with **Bombay Natural History Society** organized a National Review Meeting on Conservation Breeding of Vulture Species in India.

### Key Points

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- According to a government spokesperson, Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore Coordinating Zoo and five other zoos - **Nandankanan Biological Park, Bhubaneswar (Odisha)**, **Van Vihar National Park and Zoo, Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh)**, **Sakkarbagh Zoo, Junagadh (Gujarat)** will participate in the event, according to a government spokesperson, **Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad (Telangana)** and **Assam State Zoo, Guwahati (Assam)** are the participating zoos in the programme.
- An official spokesperson said that Rajabhatkhawa (West Bengal) and VCBC, Rani (Assam) centres which have been set up in collaboration with the respective state governments also participated in the meeting.
- Directors of all centres, veterinarians or biologists participated in this review meeting. During this a 'Manual for Vulture Keepers' developed by VCBC, Pinjore was released.
- The meeting recommended that the Action Plan for Conservation of Vultures in India (APVC), 2020-2025, coordinate the two additional species identified for conservation – the red-headed vulture (*Sarcogyps calvus*) and the Egyptian vulture (*Neophron perconopterus*). Can be taken under protection breeding.
- In the mid-nineties, the population of three gypsum vultures—white-backed, long-billed and slender-billed—had a sharp decline due to the use of diclofenac. The program was initiated after the CZA released the Action Plan for Vulture Conservation in 2006 to prevent their possible extinction.

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## Investment by Aditya Birla Group for paint manufacturing facility in Panipat | Haryana | 25 Sep 2021

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### Why in News

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On September 24, 2021, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar handed over the Regular Letter of Allotment to a team of Aditya Birla Group for setting up a large paint manufacturing facility at Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited at Panipat.

## Key Points

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- In this regard, an official spokesman said that 70 acres of land has been allotted to Aditya Birla Group for setting up a paint manufacturing facility at Panipat with an investment of Rs.1140 crore.
- According to the spokesperson, this allotment under the mega project category has been done by inviting online applications through open advertisement.
- This unit will provide direct employment to about 550 persons and will help in the industrial development of the area through the expansion of ancillary units.