



Chief Minister Inaugurated 10 New Enclosures in Nandanvan Jungle Safari

Why In News?

On October 7, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated 10 new enclosures to give people a chance to know wild animals closely and make them aware in a program organized by the Forest Department at his residence office in the capital on the occasion of Wildlife Conservation Week. With these, the jungle safari now has a total of 28 enclosures.

Key Points

- In the program, the Chief Minister named three cubs born in the month of May 2021 by 'Kriti', lioness of Nandanvan Jungle Safari, as Arpa, Parry and Shabri.
- The Chief Minister also released a book on information on colourful butterflies found in Baranwapara Sanctuary on the occasion.
- Chief Minister Mr. Baghel said in the program that Wildlife Week is being celebrated in the state right now. Wildlife Week is organized every year from October 2 to October 8 with a resolve to protect wild animals and increase their companionship with them.
- Chhattisgarh is a state rich in forests and wildlife. More than 44 percent of the area in the state is covered with forests, where different types of wildlife roam. Keeping in view its importance, the state government has given priority to the protection of both forest and wildlife in Chhattisgarh.
- Chief Minister Mr. Baghel said that the national parks and sanctuaries located here are also rich in terms of biodiversity. As a result of the work being done under wildlife conservation in the state, the availability of food and habitat facilities of wild animals has increased. Under this, the Narva Development Program has also become an effective medium in preventing elephant-human conflict.
- The Chief Minister said that every possible initiative is being taken by the government to protect forest and wild animals in the state. Under this, various works of protection and promotion of wild animals are being done through 3 national parks, 11 sanctuaries, 3 tiger reserves, one elephant reserve and one biosphere reserve under the protected forest area in the state.
- Speaking at the event, Forest and Climate Change Minister Mohammad Akbar said that Nandanvan Jungle Safari Nava Raipur is Asia's largest man-made jungle safari. There are many types of wild animals here.
- Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) P.V. Narsing Rao informed that continuous work is being done by the department for the protection of forests and wild animals in the state. 10 new enclosures have been inaugurated in Jungle Safari. These include wild dogs, wolves, bison, chital, sambar, chinkara, porcupine, mongoose, moss, and snake dens.