



Two Rare Migratory Birds Seen in Lohardaga

Why In News?

- According to information received from media sources on February 6, 2023, after 149 years in Lohardaga, Jharkhand, two rare migratory birds 'Lesser Adjutant Stork' Hindi name 'Garuda' and local name 'Gandagandur' have again appeared in Nandi Dham located in Kachmachi.

Key points

- It is noteworthy that earlier in the year 1874, an eagle was seen in Lohardaga. However, earlier in the year 2011 in Jharkhand, four of these endangered birds were seen in the Uduwa Lake Bird Sanctuary of Sahibganj. And in 2012, an eagle was seen in Rangamati of Seraikela-Kharsawan.
- Jharkhand is a favourite place of migratory birds. This is the reason that since November, many migratory birds have been seen in the reservoirs, ponds and marshy areas around the river in various districts.
- Wildlife biologist Sanjay Khakha said that during bird watching on 5 February, 2023, he saw these birds sitting on tall trees in the marshy area of Nandi Dham.
- Sanjay Khakha said that the eagle birds seen are adults. Their length is about 55 inches. Usually, these birds find their habitat on tall trees, to stay away from the eyes of common people.
- It is difficult to distinguish male and female in these Garudas. The colour of both is common.: It is the same. While the body of the male is weighed heavier than the female. Length of female 45 from 50 It is measured up to inches.
- The face of the adult garuda is red, the head colour is brown and white, the thin neck colour is yellow, the feather colour is Gray (Slate colour) and the body colour is white.
- Significantly, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has identified stork as an endangered bird in 2020. Given the rapidly decreasing number of these birds, they have been included in the Endangered i.e., Red List category.