

Conservation Efforts for Great Indian Bustard

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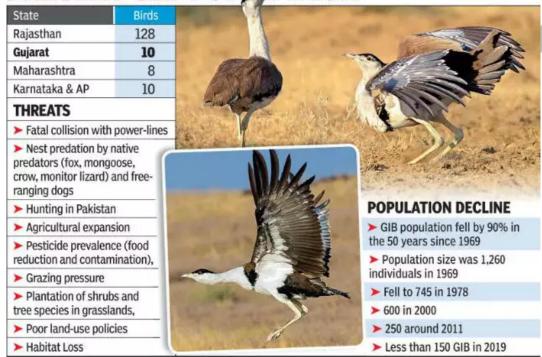
Recently, a **Great Indian Bustard** (*Ardeotis nigriceps*), the state bird of Rajasthan, successfully hatched an offspring through <u>artificial insemination</u> in Jaisalmer district, marking a significant milestone in conservation efforts.

Official estimates indicate that fewer than 150 GIBs are left in the wild in India, with 90% residing in the desert regions of Rajasthan and the remainder found in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, and Karnataka.

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- The Jaisalmer breeding center was set up by the Rajasthan Forest Department as part of the Union environment ministry's <u>Bustard Recovery Program</u>, Jaunched in 2016.
- Protection Status of GIB:
 - <u>IUCN</u>: Critically Endangered
 - **CITES**: Appendix 1
 - Convention on Migratory Species (CMS): Appendix I
 - Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972: Schedule I

PRESENT GIB POPULATION



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