



Surge in Sarus Crane Population

Why in News?

According to a census conducted by the State forest department, the population of [Sarus cranes](#) in Uttar Pradesh is rising.

Key Points

- The survey revealed that the [Etawah Forest Division](#) recorded the highest number of Sarus cranes at 3,289, an increase of 500.
 - While the **Mau Forest Division spotted six Sarus cranes for the first time in a decade.**
- In Uttar Pradesh, Sarus crane numbers have consistently risen over the years from 17,329 in 2021 to 19,188 in 2022, 19,522 in 2023, and 19,918 in 2024.

Sarus Crane



- The **scientific name of Sarus Crane** is *Grus Antigone*.
- It is the **tallest flying bird in the world**, standing 152-156 cm tall with a wingspan of 240cm.
- The Sarus crane has **predominantly grey plumage with a naked red head and upper neck and pale red legs.**
- It is **known to mate for life with a single partner**, and its breeding season coincides with heavy rains during the [monsoon season](#).

- These are known to live in association with humans and **well watered plains, marshland, ponds,** and [wetlands](#) (like [Dhanauri wetland in UP](#)) which are suitable for their forage and nesting.
- **Conservation Status:**
 - [IUCN red list](#): **Vulnerable**
 - [Wildlife \(Protection\) Act, 1972](#): **Schedule IV**

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