Sajjangarh Biological Park

Why in News?

Sajjangarh Biological Park in Udaipur is anticipated to receive a pair of lions from Sakkarbaug Zoological Park in Junagadh, Gujarat, as part of an animal exchange initiative.

Key Points

- The <u>lion safari project</u>, with a budget of Rs 3.45 crore, aims to **boost the attractiveness of the biological park established in 2015.**
 - Covering 26 hectares, the safari will include both a holding area and a display area for the lions, capable of accommodating up to eight lions.
- In exchange, Sajjangarh Biological Park will provide Sakkarbaug Zoo withtwo pairs of foxes, one pair of hyenas, two pairs of jackals, a pair of wild cats, and two chinkaras.
- The <u>Central Zoo Authority</u> approved the transfer of the lions in February 2024 to boost tourism in Udaipur by launching the lion safari before the year's end.
 - Besides the lion safari, the biological park is also expanding its facilities to include a reptile section, a nocturnal animals' section, and a leopard rescue center.

Sajjangarh Wildlife Sanctuary

- It is located in Udaipur (Rajasthan).
- It is a part of Sajjangarh Palace (also known as Monsoon Palace) built in 1884.
 - The Palace derived its name from Maharana Sajjan Singh, one of the rulers of the Mewar dynasty.
- It is famous for chitals, panthers, hares, blue bulls (Nilgais), jackals, wild boars, hyenas, and sambhar.

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