



Injured Vulture with 'Dhaka' Inscription Found in Jharkhand

Why in News?

Recently, an **endangered white-backed vulture** with an injury was discovered in a dam in **Jharkhand's Hazaribagh district**. The vulture had a **metallic ring fitted to one of its legs**, which was **inscribed with the word 'Dhaka'**.

Key Points

- The police suspect that **John Malot, a bird researcher from Dhaka** who is associated with the **UK-based Royal Society for Protection of Birds**, released the vulture after fitting it with a [solar-powered radio tracking collar](#) in order to monitor the bird's movements from Dhaka to Jharkhand.

Indian white-backed vulture



- They are medium-sized, dark vultures.
- **Scientific name:** *Gyps bengalensis*
- **Distribution:** Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar (Burma), Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, and southern Vietnam.
- **Habitat:** Found mostly in plains and less frequently in hilly regions. Can also be seen in villages and cities near to cultivation.
- **Features:**
 - Adults are **75 to 85 cm tall**.
 - **White neck ruff, rump and under wing coverts.**
 - Adults tend towards black coloration, while younger individuals are browner.
 - Their **wingspan is 180 to 210 cm**.
 - Weight: Ranges from 3.5 to 7.5 kg.
- **IUCN Status:** Critically Endangered

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