



# Heatstroke Kills Hundreds of Bats in Madhya Pradesh

## Why in News?

According to the sources, **Heatstroke** has killed hundreds of **bats** in **Jhabua district** of Madhya Pradesh.

## Key Points

- According to the deputy director (veterinary), approximately 250 bats died due to the heatstroke.
- He explained that **bats are nocturnal creatures** and typically **seek refuge** in their designated trees **early in the morning**.

## Bats

- India is home to 135 bat species. Bats are **nocturnal animals**.
- Bats normally **feed on fruits**, helping in **pollination by seed dispersal** but also cause **agricultural losses and hence are regarded as vermin**.
- The **population of bats** has declined worldwide due to **poaching, meat consumption, use in traditional medicines, climate change, environmental pollution, and biological invasions**.

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