



World Rhino Day 2024

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On the occasion of [World Rhino Day 2024](#), the Prime Minister has reiterated the commitment towards rhino protection.

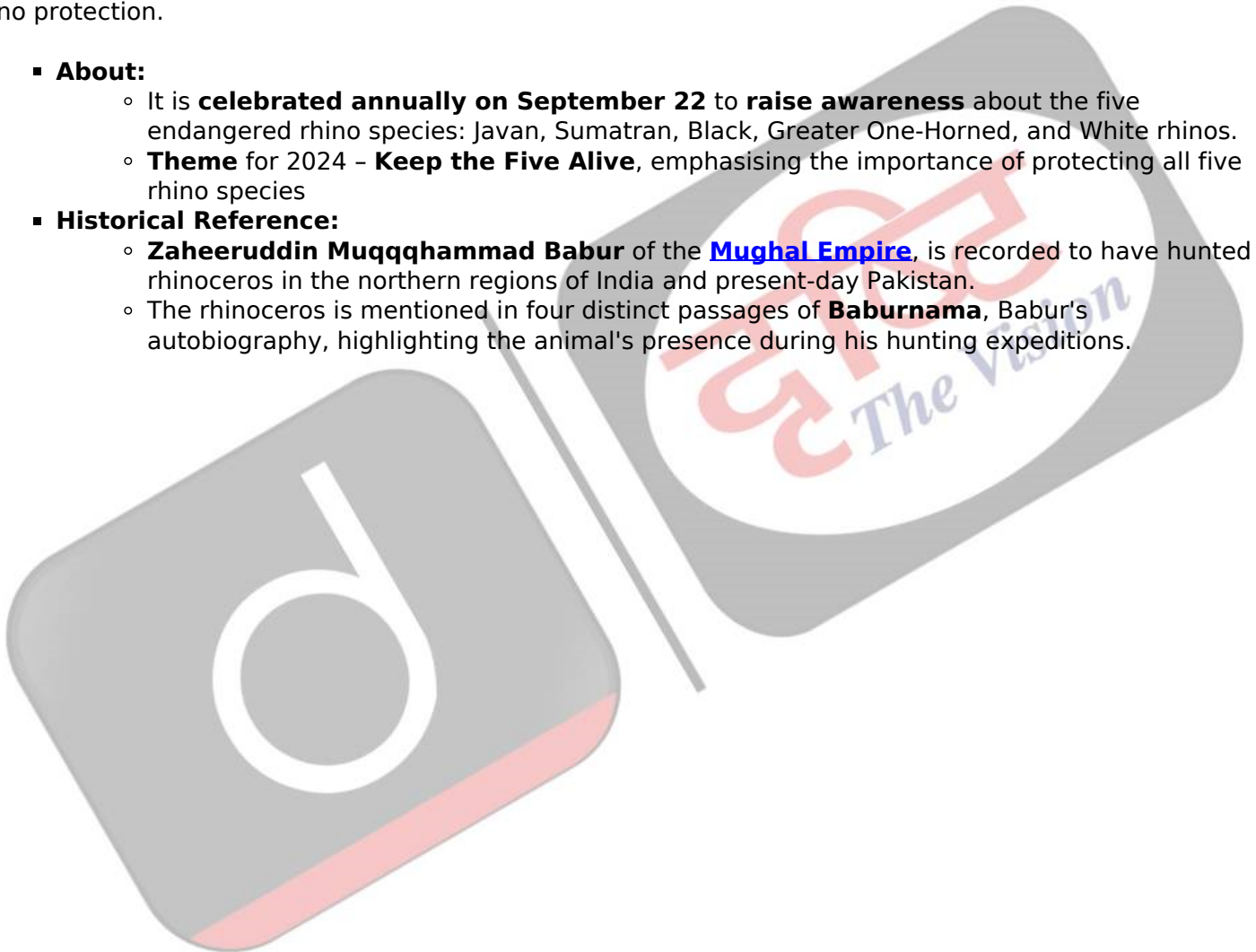
- **About:**

- It is **celebrated annually on September 22** to **raise awareness** about the five endangered rhino species: Javan, Sumatran, Black, Greater One-Horned, and White rhinos.
- **Theme** for 2024 - **Keep the Five Alive**, emphasising the importance of protecting all five rhino species

- **Historical Reference:**

- **Zaheeruddin Muqqhammad Babur** of the [Mughal Empire](#), is recorded to have hunted rhinoceros in the northern regions of India and present-day Pakistan.
- The rhinoceros is mentioned in four distinct passages of **Baburnama**, Babur's autobiography, highlighting the animal's presence during his hunting expeditions.

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World Rhino Day - 22nd September (declared by WWF in 2010)

5 Main Species of Rhino

Species	Found in	IUCN Red List Status	Habitat
African White	Africa	NT	Long/short grass Savannah
African Black	Africa	CE	Semi-Desert Savannah
Greater one-horned	Asia	Vu (CITES - Appendix I, WPA - Schedule I)	Tropical grassland
Javan	Asia	CE	Tropical, subtropical forests
Sumatran	Asia	CE	Same as Javan

Ujung Kulon National Park (a UNESCO WHS) is home to the last remaining wild Javan rhinos on Earth

Greater One-Horned Rhino

Only species found in India (aka Indian Rhino)

CHARACTERISTICS

- Largest of the 5 species
- Identified by a single black horn and a grey-brown hide with skin folds

Threats

- Poaching for horns
- Habitat loss
- Decreasing Genetic diversity

Protected Areas (India)

- **UP**
 - Dudhwa TR
- **West Bengal**
 - Jaldapara NP
 - Gorumara NP
- **Assam**
 - Pabitora WLS
 - Orang NP
 - Kaziranga NP (max no. of Rhinos: ~2400)
 - Manas NP

Conservation Efforts (India)

- National Rhino Conservation Strategy
- Indian Rhino Vision 2020 (launched in 2005)

New Delhi Declaration on Asian Rhinos 2019

Signed by 5 rhino range nations (India, Bhutan, Nepal, Indonesia and Malaysia)



Read More: [State of the Rhino 2023](#)

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