



Aravalli Jungle Safari

Why in News?

Haryana Environment, Forest, and Wildlife Minister urged people to pledge to protect endangered wildlife on [World Wildlife Day](#). Efforts for a [jungle safari](#) and [the Aravalli Green Wall Project](#) were underway to launch the safari on World Wildlife Day.

Key Points

- **Execution of the Safari Project:**
 - Initially, the Tourism Department was responsible for the safari project, but Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has now assigned its execution to the Forest and Wildlife Department.
 - The department is making rapid progress on the project.
- **Study Visits for Project Planning:**
 - The Minister, along with department officials, visited **the Gorewada Wildlife Safari in Nagpur (Maharashtra)** and **the Vantara Project in Jamnagar (Gujarat)** to study best practices.
 - Efforts are underway to ensure that Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates the proposed safari in the Aravalli region.
- **Aravalli Green Wall Project:**
 - The project aims to restore over 1.15 million hectares across Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Delhi, promoting multi-state cooperation.
 - **Key objectives include:**
 - Afforestation with indigenous tree species
 - Biodiversity conservation
 - Soil health restoration
 - Enhancing groundwater recharge

World Wildlife Day

- **About:**
 - It has been celebrated every year on the 3rd of March since 2013.
 - The date chosen coincides with the day of [the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora \(CITES\)](#) which was signed in 1973.
 - **The UNGA (General Assembly) resolution also designated the CITES Secretariat** as the facilitator for the global observance of this special day for wildlife on the [UN \(United Nations\)](#) calendar.
- **Significance:**
 - This aligns with [UN Sustainable Development Goals 1, 12, 14 and 15](#), and their wide-ranging commitments on alleviating [poverty](#), ensuring sustainable use of resources, and on conserving life both on land and below water to halt biodiversity loss.
 - Our planet is currently facing the urgent challenge that is the loss of biodiversity and up to a million species could disappear in the coming decades if unsustainable human activity, [climate change](#) and habitat degradation are left unchecked.

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