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Himalayan Black Bear Latest News

Recently, wildlife experts in Uttarakhand raised concern that Himalayan Black bears (*Ursus thibetanus laniger*) are turning aggressive as erratic weather disrupts their hibernation patterns.

About Himalayan Black Bear

- It is a subspecies of the **Asian black bear**.
- It is a large forest-dwelling bear of the Himalayas, also called **Asiatic black bear** or **Moon bear**.

Distribution of Himalayan Black Bear

- They are mainly found in the Himalayas, in **Tibet, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and China**.
- In India, they are found throughout the Himalayas, from Jammu & Kashmir to Arunachal Pradesh, and in hilly regions of other north-eastern states.
- **Habitat:** It prefers heavily forested, broadleaved, and coniferous forests as habitat.

Characteristics of Himalayan Black Bear

- **Appearance:** It has soft and shiny hair, with a white V patch on their chest.
- **Life span:** 25 to 30 years in the wild.
- **Diet:** They are **omnivorous creatures** Their diet consists of acorns, nuts, fruit, honey, roots, and various insects such as termites and beetle larvae.
- **Behaviour:** It is **naturally diurnal** but many are largely nocturnal in order to avoid contact with humans.
- **Conservation Status:** IUCN: Vulnerable

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