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Recently, the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS), along with the Maharashtra Forest Department, successfully carried out the tagging of 15 long-billed vultures at Melghat Tiger Reserve.

About Long-Billed Vulture

- It is an **old World vulture** native to the Asian region.
- They are also known as **Indian long-billed vultures** due to their comparatively longer beak.
- **Appearance:** It is a medium-sized and bulky scavenger **feeding mostly on the carcasses** of dead animals.
- Females of this species are smaller than males.
- **Habitat:** They are usually **found in savannas** and other open habitats around villages, cities, and near cultivated areas.
- **Distribution:** These are native to India, Pakistan, and Nepal.
- **Conservation status: IUCN Red List:** Critically Endangered

Key Facts about Melghat Tiger Reserve

- **Location:** It is located in the Amaravati district of **Maharashtra**, specifically on the **Gavilgarh Hill**, a southern offshoot of **the Satpura Hill Range** in Central India.
- **Vegetation:** The forest is **tropical dry deciduous** in nature, dominated by teak.
- **Rivers:** The reserve is a catchment area for five major rivers: the **Khandu, Khapra, Sipna, Gadga, and Dolar**, all of which are **tributaries of the river Tapti**.
- The **Tapti River** and the Gawilgadh ridge of the **Satpura Range** form the boundaries of the reserve.
- **Tribes:** The Korkus are the largest tribal community in Melghat. Other communities include the Gawli community and the Gond tribe etc.
- **Flora:** Some of the common species are teak, Lagerstroemia Parviflora, Terminalia Tomentosa, Ougeinia Oojeinensis, Emblica Officinalis, Bamboo, etc.
- **Fauna:** It includes Sloth Bear, Indian Gaur, Sambar deer, Leopard, Nilgais, dhole, hyena, jungle cat, langur, etc.

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