

Indian Wolf

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Indian Wolf Latest News

Recently, an Indian wolf named Geeta at Pilikula Biological Park gave birth to seven pups.

About Indian Wolf

- It is a **subspecies of the Grey Wolf** found in the Indian subcontinent and Southwest Asia.
- **Habitat:** It prefers scrublands, semi-arid grasslands, and pastoral agro-ecosystems.
- **Behavior:** Indian wolves generally live in smaller packs rarely exceeding 6-8 individuals.
- They are also relatively less vocal and have rarely been known to howl and are territorial and **hunt during the night**.
- **Appearance:** Intermediate in size between the **Tibetan and Arabian wolves**, but lacks a thick winter coat due to adaptation to warmer climates.
- **Distribution:** Indian wolves are found in India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Israel, Turkey, Iran, and Syria.
- **Threats:** It faces a steady decline driven by habitat loss, shrinking prey base, and human persecution.

Conservation Status of Indian Wolf

- **IUCN:** Vulnerable
- **CITES:** Appendix I
- **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972:** Schedule I

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