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### Maharashtra State Specific News

#### Sanjay Gandhi National Park

##### Why in the news?

- At Least 20 Rescued From Raging Floodwaters by Forming Human Chain at **Sanjay Gandhi National Park**.

##### About Sanjay Gandhi National Park:

- Location:** Northern part of Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Establishment:** Originally known as **Krishnagiri National Park**, it was established in **1969** and later **renamed Sanjay Gandhi National Park in 1981**.
- Attractions:**
  - Kanheri Caves:** Ancient Buddhist caves dating back to the **1st century BC**, with **rock-cut architecture** and **sculptures**.

#### Mouse-deer

##### BIG LOSS OF SMALL UNGULATE



One of the mouse deer after its display in Alipore zoo

**KNOW MOUSE DEER**

- A mouse deer, also known as Indian Chevrotain, is the country's smallest descendant of ungulate species
- It has a poorly-known population status
- The Kalakad-Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve at the extreme south of the Western Ghats is one of the best localities for the species

**ZOO STINT**

Oct 29 | Six mouse deer, three male and three female, arrive in the city zoo

Dec 15 | Put on display

Dec 19 | One female aged around one year dies of enteric disease

A female mouse deer had died of enteric disease on Tuesday. It was suffering from last Saturday

**A K SAMANTH**  
ALIPORE ZOO DIRECTOR

**Other habitats** | Periyar Tiger Reserve, Indira Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary, Silent Valley, Mudumalai-Bandipur-Nagarahole, Bhadra and Kudremukh

- Recently, a mouse deer was sighted in Chhattisgarh's Gariyaband after more than 100 years
- Reports say that there's a small population in Nepal

**Threats** | Hunting for meat

**Protection status** | Schedule I of Wildlife Protection Act

##### Why in the news?

- An injured **mouse-deer** was rescued from Chirle village by the Uran forest department in Navi Mumbai.

##### About Mouse-deer:

- Scientific Name:** Chevrotain
- Family:** Tragulidae
- IUCN status:** **Least Concern**
- Appearance:**
  - Small, deer-like body
  - Typically brown with white markings
  - Slender legs and a short tail
- Species:**
  - Greater Mouse-deer (*Tragulus napu*)
  - Lesser Mouse-deer (*Tragulus kanchil*)
  - Water Chevrotain (*Hyemoschus aquaticus*)
- Habitat:**
  - Found in **dense tropical forests**
  - Prefer areas near water sources
  - Native to Southeast Asia, India, and parts of Africa**



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Behavior:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Mostly <b>nocturnal</b> and shy</li><li>○ Solitary or in pairs</li><li>○ Excellent swimmers</li><li>○ Use dense vegetation for cover</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Diet:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Herbivorous</b></li><li>○ Eat leaves, fruits, and other plant materials</li><li>○ Sometimes consume fungi</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Reproduction:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Breeding can occur year-round</li><li>○ Typically give birth to one or two offspring</li><li>○ Gestation period of about 140-177 days</li></ul></li></ul>
<p><b>Sloth bears</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Two <b>sloth bears</b> were found dead in Yavatmal, Maharashtra.</li></ul> <p><b>About Sloth bears:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Scientific Name:</b> Melursus ursinus</li><li>● <b>Common Names:</b> Sloth bear, labiated bear</li><li>● <b>Family:</b> Ursidae</li><li>● <b>Conservation Status:</b> Vulnerable (IUCN Red List)</li><li>● <b>Habitat:</b> Tropical and subtropical forests, grasslands, and scrublands in the Indian subcontinent</li><li>● <b>Geographic Range:</b> <b>India</b>, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh</li><li>● <b>Diet: Omnivorous;</b> primarily feeds on termites, ants, honey, fruits, and flowers</li><li>● <b>Behavior:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Nocturnal:</b> Mostly active during the night</li><li>○ Climbing: Excellent climbers; often found in trees</li><li>○ <b>Social Structure:</b> Generally solitary except for mothers with cubs or during mating season</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Reproduction:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Breeding Season: June to August</li><li>○ Gestation Period: About 6-7 months</li><li>○ Litter Size: 1-3 cubs</li><li>○ Cubs: Born blind and hairless, they stay with the mother for up to two years</li></ul></li></ul>



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