

# GREAT INDIAN BUSTARD



## In News

The Supreme Court of India has tightened safeguards for the protection of the Great Indian Bustard (GIB) by revising and rationalising conservation areas in relation to Green Energy Corridor (GEC) transmission projects in Rajasthan and Gujarat.



## Scientific name

*Ardeotis nigriceps*



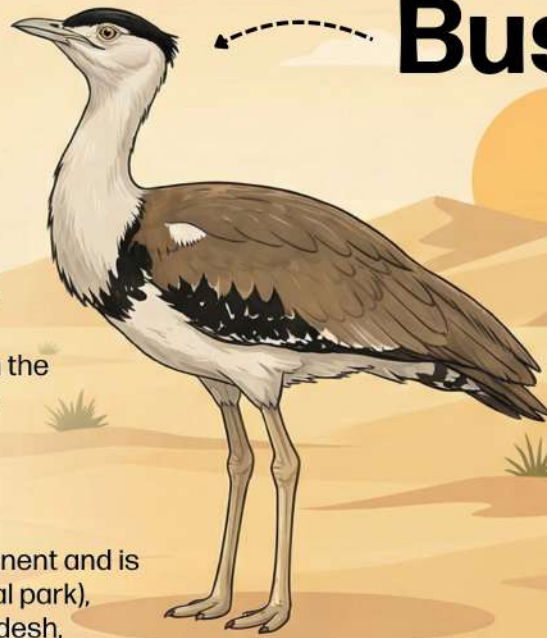
## Morphology

It is one of the heaviest flying birds (weighing up to 15kgs). It can be distinguished by its black crown on the forehead contrasting with the pale neck and head.



## Habitat

It is endemic to the Indian subcontinent and is found in Rajasthan (Desert National park), Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh in India and parts of Pakistan.



## Bustard

## CONSERVATION STATUS:



### IUCN Red List

It is listed as 'Critically Endangered'.



### Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972

It is listed under 'Schedule I' of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.



### CITES

It is listed under 'Appendix I'

## CONSERVATION MEASURES:



### Project Great Indian Bustard

**Launched in:** It is a Rajasthan government project launched in 2018.

**Objective:** The main objective is to conserve the remaining population of the critically endangered Great Indian Bustard.



### Bustard Recovery Programme

**Launched in:** It was launched by the Union Environment Ministry in 2017.

**Objective:** To create awareness about the declining populations and highlighting the importance of implementing a focused bustard conservation programme at the national level.



### WWF-India

is undertaking initiatives towards conservation of GIB in and around Desert National Park. istry in 2017.