



Jammu & Kashmir Badlav aur Vikas ke 4 saal

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For the Love of the Wild: Marking Milestones in Wildlife Conservation



The **first ever Zoo of J&K**, spread over 70 ha area in the Natural green setting of Shivalik Foothills, opened to public in May 2023.



Dachigam adjudged as the best in management effectiveness evaluation exercise by the WII; Hangul-recorded a population of 289 in March 2023, a 58% increase over the 2015 population. Hangul Breeding Centre in Tral, languishing since 2008, revived and completed in 2023.



J&K added two more **2 RAMSAR sites** (Wetlands of International Importance) - Shallabugh & Hygam in 2022, taking the tally to 5, the 4th highest in the country.



1st ever Management Plans of various **Wetland Conservation Reserves prepared**, and comprehensive restoration taken up systematically, resulting in a record number of **migratory birds - 13.28 lakh**, during February 2023 against 8.25 Lakh in 2020, sighted in J&K.



J&K now figures in the **Global Snow Leopard Map** – the first ever successful camera trap captures of Snow Leopards at Kishtwar High Altitude National Park and Thajwas Wildlife Sanctuary recorded in 2022.



Initiative taken for Eco-Tourism Promotion include, Hangul Eco-Stop, Hokersar Eco-Stop, Gharana Eco-Stop, Trek Routes, Online booking of Wildlife Huts, Online entry permission for Dachigam National Park, Training of Eco-Guides



First ever **Wild Animal Health Care & Diagnostic Centre** established at Dachigam. For the first time, 05 Wildlife Rescue Centers accorded recognition by the Central Zoo Authority.



Wildlife Conservation Awards **1st ever Wildlife Conservation Awards** instituted in 2021 by the J&K Government to promote conservation efforts. 29 persons awarded so far.



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