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Asiatic Lions (Source: The Hindu)

- *Gir National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary (dry deciduous forests) is the only abode of the Asiatic lion.*
- **Protection Status**
 - **IUCN Red List:** Endangered
 - **CITES:** Appendix I
 - **Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972:** Schedule I
- **Associated Tribe:** Gir is often linked with "Maldharis" (pastoral communities in the region), who have survived through the ages by having a symbiotic relationship with the lion.



Project Lion

- **Aim:** It envisages landscape ecology-based conservation of the Asiatic Lion in Gujarat by integrating conservation and eco-development.



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2 Clouded Leopard (Source: The Hindu)

- **Name:** Named after the cloud-shaped pattern on its skin.
- **Fact:** It is the State animal of Meghalaya.
- **Habitat:** The clouded leopard is a wild cat found in the foothills of the Himalayas.
- **Distribution in Asia:** Southeast Asia, China, India
- **Distribution in India:** Sikkim, northern West Bengal, Meghalaya subtropical forests, Tripura, Mizoram, Manipur, Assam, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh.
- **Conservation Efforts**
 - **IUCN:** Vulnerable
 - **Wildlife Protection Act:** Schedule I
 - **CITES:** Appendix I
 - It has been added to **India's Recovery Programme for Critically Endangered Species**
- **Threats:** Deforestation, changing rainfall patterns, Human-animal conflict, Development projects





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3 Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan (Source: The Indian Express)

The Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan is a national mission launched by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to strengthen responsive governance and empower grassroots tribal leadership across India.

- Formally launched in September 2025, **it is designed as the world's largest tribal grassroots leadership initiative.**

Funding

- Central Sector scheme

Fact

- Launched as part of Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh and aligned with the Viksit Bharat @2047 vision.
- Guiding ethos: Sewa (Service), Sankalp (Resolve), Samarpan (Dedication), in line with “Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Prayas, Sabka Vishwas”.

Objectives

- Institutionalise tribal grassroots leadership and create a structured cadre of local functionaries.
- Strengthen responsive, culturally rooted, problem-solving governance in tribal areas.
- Improve convergence and implementation of major tribal schemes at village level (e.g., PM-JANMAN, Dharti Aaba, Sickle Cell Mission).
- Promote bottom-up planning through Tribal Village Action Plans and local monitoring.