

Barn Owl

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Why in news?

The Union Territory of Lakshadweep has 'recruited' three pairs of barn owls from Kerala under a rodent management programme.

About it:

- It is the most widely distributed species of owl.
- It is found almost everywhere in the world except polar and desert regions, in Asia north of the Himalayas, most of Indonesia, and some Pacific islands.
- It is respected as the acolyte of the Goddess Chamunda in Karnataka.
- In Bengal, it is revered as the carrier of Lakshmi, the deity of wealth.