

The Golden Langur

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Why in news?

Recently Endangered Golden Langur became extinct in Guwahati's Umananda island.

About it:

- Golden langurs occupy **moist evergreen and tropical deciduous forests** as well as some **riverine areas and savannas in Assam and Bhutan**.
- Its geographic range is limited to Assam, India and neighbouring Bhutan.
- Their hair ranges from dark golden to creamy buff and their faces are black and hairless except for a long pale beard.
- Its **fur changes colours according to the seasons**.
- Their diets consist of ripe and unripe fruits, young and mature leaves, leaf buds, flower buds, seeds, twigs, and flowers.
- **Habitat destruction** is a major threat to them.
- IUCN status – **Endangered**
- **Chakrashila is India's first wildlife sanctuary** with golden langur as the primary species.
- As a **part of MGNREGA** around 27.24 lakh trees will be planted in Assam to sustain the colonies of the Golden Langurs in **Bongaigaon district**.