

Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation (CWRC)

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Why in News?

CWRC, Assam has completed 25 years of wildlife rescue, rehabilitation and conservation.

- It is India's first dedicated facility for hand-raising, treating and releasing orphaned/injured wild animals.
- **Establishment** - At Panbari, near Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve, Assam in 2002.
- **Jointly run by** -
 - Assam Forest Department
 - Wildlife Trust of India (WTI)
 - International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW)
- **Contribution** - It rescued 10,000+ animals and released into wild about 68%.
- **Major focus** - Rescue, veterinary care, rehabilitation and reintroduction.

Major Conservation Activities

- **Flood rescue** - Rescues animals stranded, injured or displaced during floods.
- **Rehabilitation** - Provides veterinary treatment and raises orphaned young animals.
- **Reunification** - Attempts to reunite young animals with their mothers.
- **Human-wildlife conflict** - Community outreach to reduce conflict.
- The CWRC has also played a pivotal role in reintroducing the one-horned rhinos to western Assam's Manas National Park by rehabilitating rescued individuals.
- **Other notable efforts** - Rehabilitation of
 - **Asiatic black bear cubs** - Manas and Dihing Patkai (Found in the Himalayas and Northeast India).
 - **Wild buffalo** - In India, major populations occur in Assam.
 - **Hoolock gibbons** - India's only apes and the only gibbons found in India.

About Wildlife Trust of India (WTI)

- WTI is a leading Indian nature conservation organization dedicated to protecting wildlife and wild habitats.
- **Formed in** - 1998
- WTI operates as a non-profit action institution that works in close partnership with
 - local communities,
 - state forest departments,

- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

About International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW)

- It is a *global non-profit organization* founded in 1969.
- It has headquarterd across multiple countries, it works in over 40 nations.
- **Objective** – to rescue individual animals, protect natural habitats, combat wildlife crime, and promote coexistence between animals and people.

Reference

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