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Turtle – Threats

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- In an attempt to raise awareness on conservation of tortoise and turtles, and on illegal trafficking, May 23 is celebrated as World Turtle Day.
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- One of the greatest threats facing turtles and tortoises in India is **smuggling to East Asian and Southeast Asian markets.**
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- **West Bengal has become a focal point** of the turtle smuggling trade as many of the turtles make their way to Kolkata before being shipped off.
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- In addition to smuggling, turtles face a variety of man-made issues that threaten their existence. One major threat, as with all other animal species, is habitat destruction.
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- As rivers become more and more polluted, **the turtles are beginning to die off at greater rates.** The hatchlings are born deformed; adults are dying from eating plastic; and the food sources are disappearing.
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- Large fishing trawlers also sometimes catch sea turtles, cut off their flippers to get them out of the net, and then leave them to die.
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SEVA App

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- Union Minister of State (IC) for Power, Coal, New & Renewable Energy and Mines has launched the **Saral Eindhan Vitaran Application (SEVA),** developed in-house by Coal India Limited (CIL) for power sector consumers.
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- SEVA, which is aimed at increasing the Consumer Connect as well as the Transparency and Accountability in Coal dispatch.
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- SEVA Dashboard provides summary of quantity of coal dispatched along with grades for the given day, month, and the latest yearly updates as well.
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- It also provides information on rake movement including latest status of indents of rake, allotment and loading. This would help consumers making advance logistics planning.
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- Further, the app has a dedicated backend team to monitor the status of specific grievances from consumers and take action on the feedback received on the app.
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"Ozone2Climate"

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- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, along with the **UN Environment OzonAction's Compliance Assistance Programme,** organized an "Ozone2Climate" Technology Roadshow, post Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, on the sidelines of the South Asia National Ozone Officers Annual Network Meeting.
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- The Technology Roadshow showcased current refrigeration and air conditioning equipment designed to be more energy efficient, hence with a double benefit of saving money for consumers, and with a much lower impact on the environment.
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