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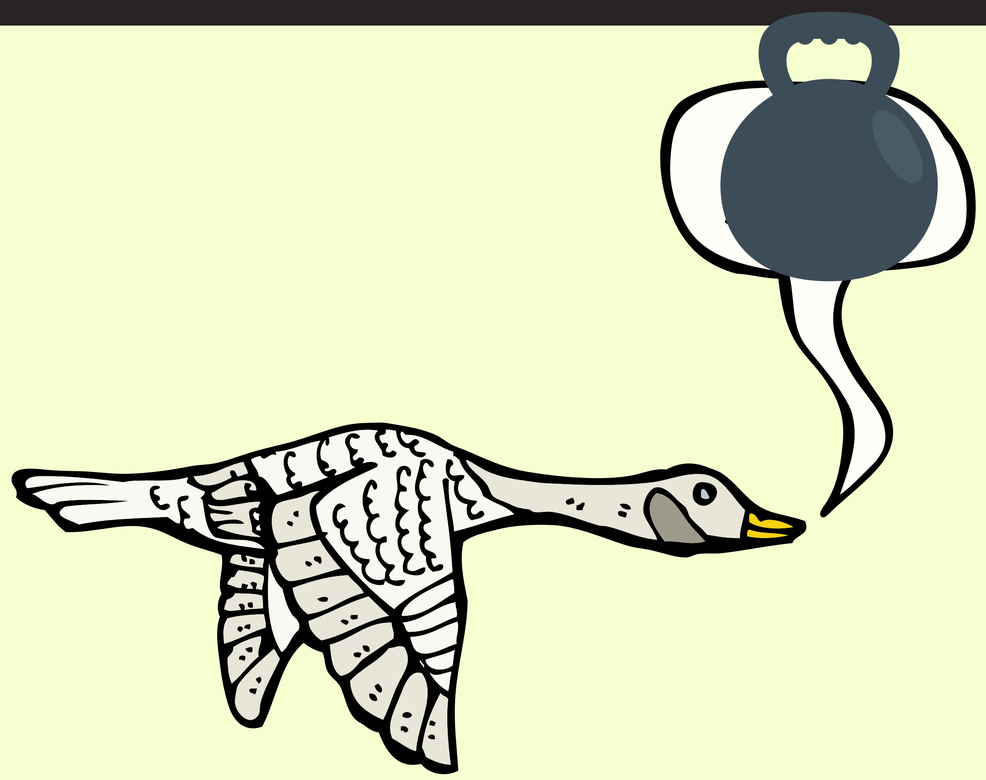

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GIB is one of the heaviest flying birds endemic to the Indian subcontinent.

It has also been identified as one of the species for the recovery programme under the **Integrated Development of Wildlife** Habitats of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).

Listed in Schedule I of the Indian Wildlife (Protection)Act, 1972, and in Appendix I of CITES.

Schedule 1

IUCN Status: Critically endangered

Great Indian Bustard Sanctuary, also known as the Jawaharlal Nehru Bustard Sanctuary is a wildlife sanctuary for the GIB in **Maharashtra.**

The majority of the surviving birds live in fragmented grasslands of Rajasthan and Gujarat, along with a few individuals in Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

Rajasthan

Gujarat

Andhra Pradesh

Maharashtra

Karnataka

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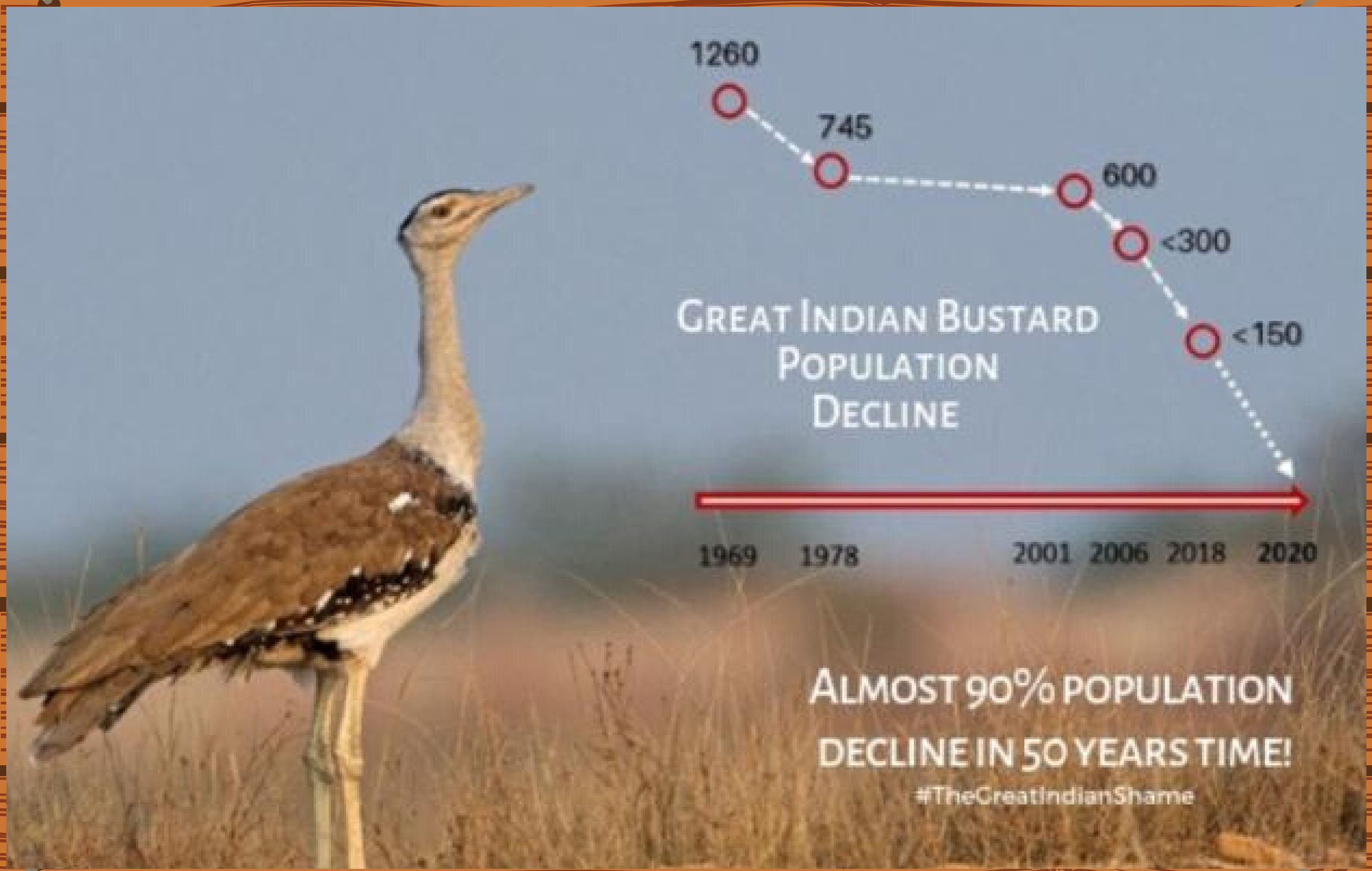

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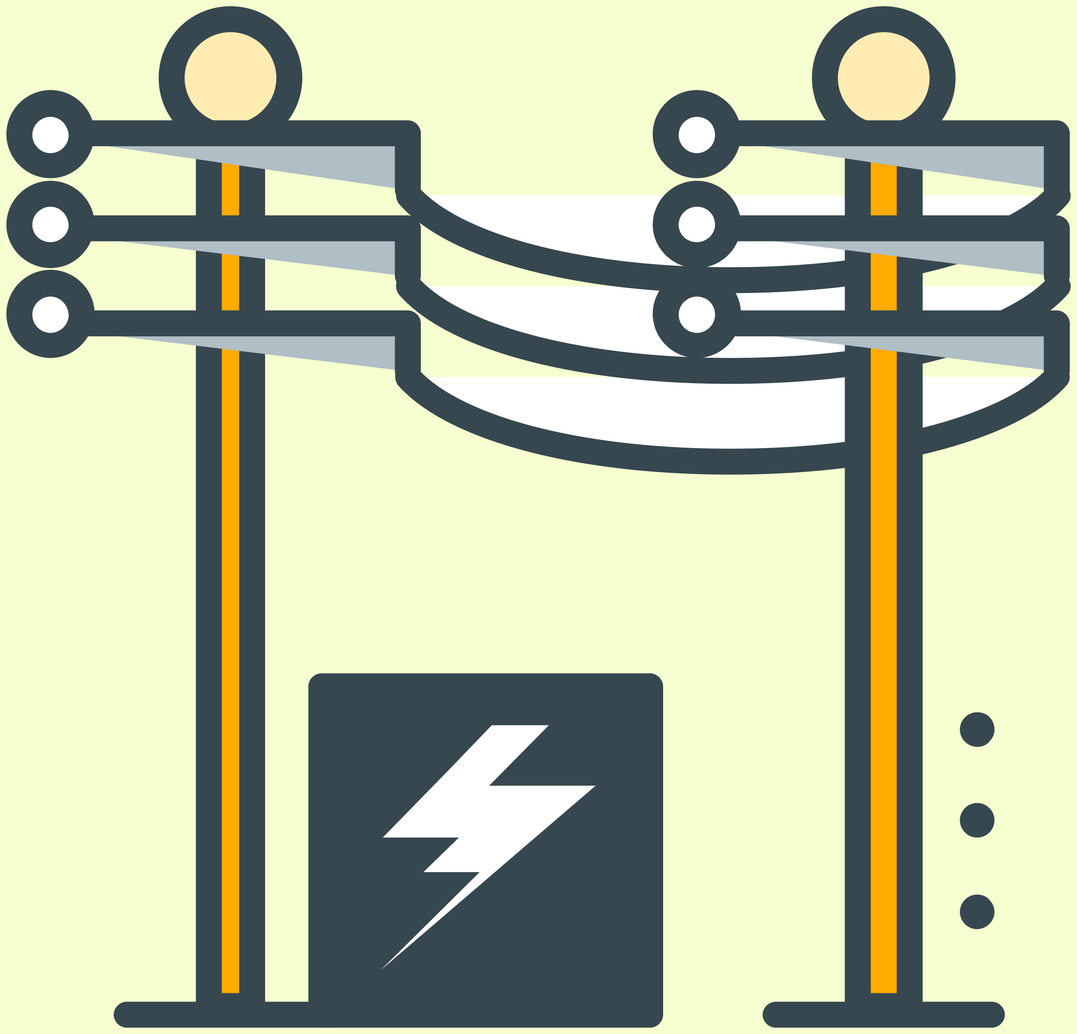
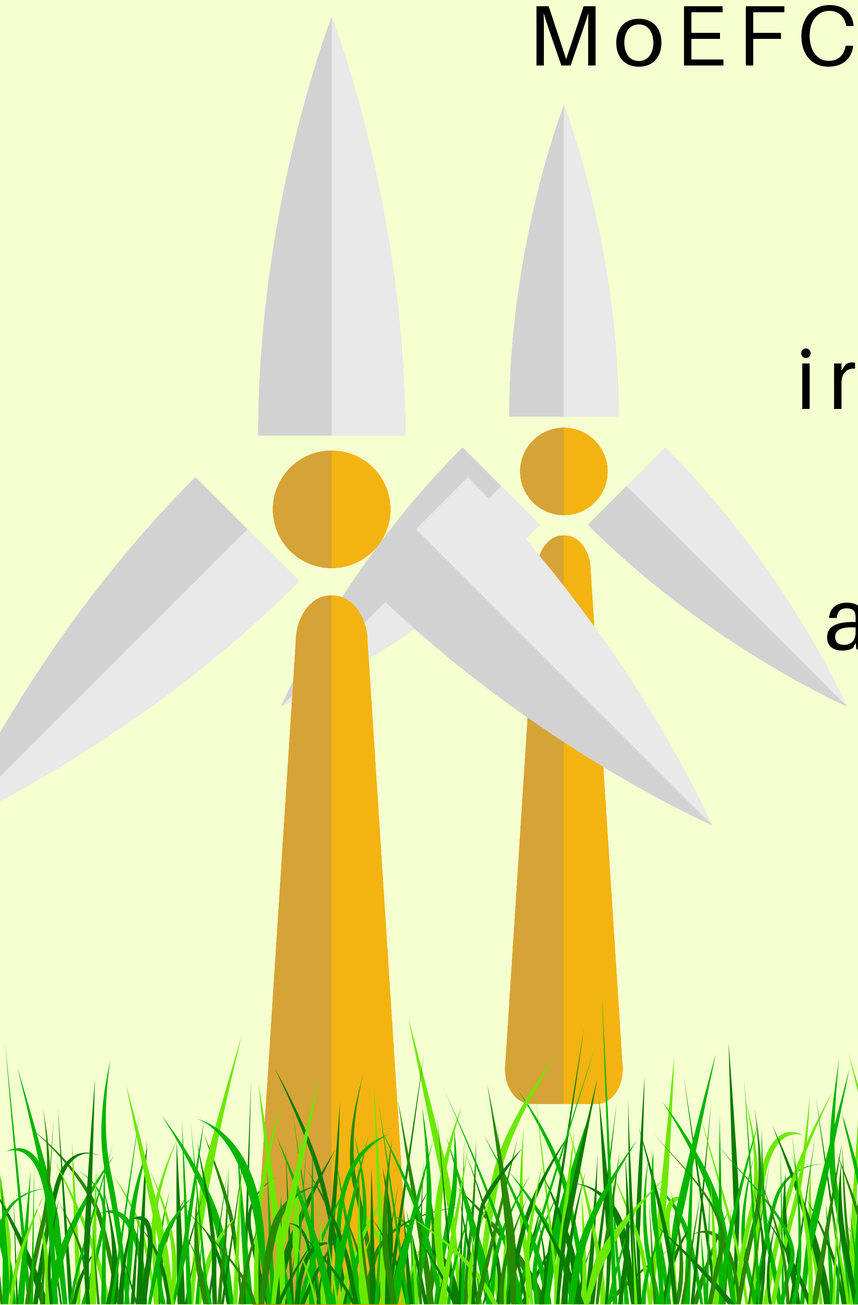
WHY IN NEWS?

GIB is nearing extinction due to collision with high voltage power lines that criss-cross their flying path, according to a report by the **Wildlife Institute of India** (**WII**), a statutory body under the MoEFCC.



Other threats to the GIB include irrigation and farming technology, mining, wind turbines and associated infrastructure growth.