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News: Study reveals major decline in golden langur habitat

- A recent study by scientists has suggested a significant decline in the habitat of the golden langur, an endangered primate species distributed in the trans-boundary region of Bhutan and India.

Golden Langur

- The golden langur, which only became known to science in 1953, is **endemic to western Assam, India, and southern Bhutan.**
- They occupy **moist evergreen and tropical deciduous forests** as well as some riverine areas and savannas.
- IUCN Status: **Endangered**
- CITES Status: **Appendix I**
- Wildlife Protection Act: **Schedule I**
- **Chakrashila** (Assam) is **India's first wildlife sanctuary with Golden Langur** as the primary species. It is also found in **Manas and Raimona National Parks** in Assam.
- Recently, **Golden Langurs became extinct in Guwahati's Umananda island.**
- A study found that they practice **infanticide and abortion.**

- Golden Langur Conservation Breeding Programme has been implemented in Assam. It was begun in 1998 as an extension of the Indo – US Primate project to address the plight of golden langur and its habitat in western Assam.