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News: Chinkara

- In a first of its kind judgment, a Sessions Court in Hanumangarh district of Rajasthan has ordered the payment of half of the fine amount, imposed on a convict in a chinkara killing case, to the informer as a prize for helping in the detection of crime against wildlife.

Chinkara

- Chinkara, or commonly named Indian gazelle is native to Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India. Around 60% of the global population of Indian gazelles is presently found in western Rajasthan.
- Chinkara live in arid plains and hills, deserts, dry scrub and light forests. They can go without water for long periods and can get sufficient fluids from plants and dew.
- It has a reddish-buff summer coat with smooth, glossy fur. In winter, the white belly and throat fur is in greater contrast.
- Horns are found on both males and females, although they are relatively shorter in females.
- IUCN Red List Status: **Least Concern.**

- Chinkara is also the **state animal of Rajasthan**.
- Recently, **Karnataka has established the second Chinkara Wildlife Sanctuary in the state in Bukkapatna (Tumakuru district). The first one was established in 2016 in the Yadahalli village in the Bagalkot district.**