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🌱 **Down to Earth** Chapter 22 · 1 min read ·

Blackbuck Conservation Model (Ganjam, Odisha)

- Population surged from 6,875 to **9,287** despite rising human pressures
- Achieved through deep-rooted **cultural reverence** of local communities who actively protect grazing areas and water sources
- Proves community-led conservation often outperforms rigid bureaucratic enforcement
- *Excellent example for GS3 Mains and Essay on community-based conservation*

Speed Breeding at SKUAST (Jammu & Kashmir)

- In freezing January winter of Srinagar, scientists grow rice indoors under artificial summer conditions
- Cut crop cycle to **60 days**, achieving 4 generations/year in a temperate region that historically allowed only one
- *Showcases how targeted S&T can overcome geographical and climatic limitations — strong GS3 example*



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