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WHY IN NEWS

On July 10, 2026, Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the Centre of Excellence (CoE) on Human-Wildlife Conflict at WII-SACON, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, and launched the National Human-Wildlife Conflict Portal along with the first edition of the report “Current Status of Human-Wildlife Conflict in India: An Overview.”

BACKGROUND: WHY A DEDICATED CENTRE

As India’s wildlife populations recover, the interface between people and animals has widened. Recovering tiger, elephant and leopard numbers, shrinking forest buffers and expanding farmland at forest edges have made **human-wildlife conflict (HWC)** one of the most pressing conservation-governance challenges of the decade. Crop damage, livestock loss, human injury and **retaliatory** (<https://ujjyari.com/vocab/retaliatory/>) killing of animals erode the local goodwill on which long-term conservation depends.

Recognising this, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the Centre of Excellence at the 7th meeting of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL)**. The July 10 inauguration operationalises that announcement, giving the country a single scientific hub to coordinate research, policy support and field capacity on conflict management.

WHAT WAS LAUNCHED

Three deliverables were released together, each addressing a different gap in the conflict-management chain.

The Centre of Excellence on HWC is a national hub for research, policy support and capacity-building on scientific conflict management. Hosted at the campus shared by the **Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON)** in Coimbatore, it draws on the ecological and ornithological expertise concentrated there and works alongside the **Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun**, the country's premier wildlife-training and research body.

The National Human-Wildlife Conflict Portal centralises conflict data from across states into one digital platform. By aggregating incident location, species, season and outcome, it is meant to enable **evidence-based mitigation** (<https://ujiyari.com/vocab/mitigation/>), replacing scattered and inconsistent state records with a comparable national dataset.

The report “Current Status of Human-Wildlife Conflict in India: An Overview” is the first edition of a periodic national assessment. It establishes a baseline picture of where, why and how conflict occurs, so that interventions can be targeted rather than uniform.

LAUNCH	PURPOSE
Centre of Excellence on HWC	National hub for research, policy support and capacity-building
National HWC Portal	Centralised conflict data for evidence-based mitigation
Status Report (1st edition)	Baseline national assessment of conflict patterns
Host institutions	WII (Dehradun) and SACON (Coimbatore)
Origin	Announced by PM Modi at the 7th NBWL meeting

THE INSTITUTIONAL BACKBONE

The initiative sits within a clear statutory (<https://ujiyari.com/vocab/statutory/>) architecture. The **National Board for Wildlife (NBWL)** is the apex (<https://ujiyari.com/vocab/apex/>) advisory body on wildlife, a statutory body under the **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972** (<https://ujiyari.com/legislation/wildlife-protection-act-1972/>), and is **chaired by the Prime Minister**. It advises on conservation policy and clears projects in and around protected areas.

The parent statute itself provides the legal tools for conflict situations. **Section 11 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972** governs the hunting and handling of dangerous wild animals, allowing the Chief Wildlife Warden to permit capture or, in defined circumstances, the killing of an animal that has become a danger to human life. The **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)** is the nodal ministry steering the whole framework.

ANALYSIS AND WAY FORWARD

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The three launches together mark a shift from reactive, ad hoc conflict response toward a data-driven, institutionalised model. The portal's value will depend on **timely and honest state-level reporting**; a national dataset is only as good as the incidents fed into it. The Centre's success will be judged on whether its research translates into field tools, early-warning systems, ecological corridors that let animals move without crossing villages, and **compensation frameworks** that are prompt and adequate enough to discourage retaliation. Balancing conservation gains with human safety and rural livelihoods remains the core test.

UPSC RELEVANCE

GS Paper 3: Conservation, environmental degradation, wildlife protection statutes and institutions; technology in conservation.

Prelims pointers:

- The National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) is a statutory body under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, and is chaired by the Prime Minister.
- SACON is the Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History, located in Coimbatore.
- WII is the Wildlife Institute of India, located in Dehradun.
- Section 11 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 deals with hunting and handling of dangerous wild animals.
- MoEFCC is the nodal ministry for the Centre of Excellence on HWC.

Mains question: “As India's wildlife populations recover, managing human-wildlife conflict has become central to conservation governance. Discuss the role of data platforms, ecological corridors and compensation frameworks in balancing conservation with human safety and livelihoods.” (15 marks, 250 words)

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WII: Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.

Section 11, WPA 1972: Governs hunting and handling of dangerous wild animals.

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