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Species in News – Black Headed Ibis

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Rare black-headed Ibis spotted in Thoothukudi Salt Pans

About the Species:

Scientific name: Threskiornis melanocephalus

Medium sized wading bird with white body, black head and neck, and long down-curved bill.

Habitat & Distribution

o Found in wetlands, marshes, ponds, rivers, and salt pans.

o In India, distributed across Tamil Nadu, Odisha, West Bengal, Kerala, and other coastal regions.

Plays a role as an indicator species for wetland health; presence signals ecosystem recovery.

Conservation Status:

o IUCN: Near Threatened

o Wildlife Protection Act: Schedule 4