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Species in News – Rhesus Macaque:

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The wildlife panel recommended reinstating the Rhesus Macaque in Schedule 2 of Wildlife Protection Act

About Rhesus macaque:

The rhesus macaque (*Macaca mulatta*), also known as the rhesus monkey, is an Old World monkey species.

Distribution & Habitat: Widely distributed across India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Southeast Asia.

Behaviour & Diet:

oOmnivorous: feeds on fruits, seeds, leaves, insects, and human food scraps.

oHighly intelligent, exhibits tool use, problem-solving, and social learning.

oKnown for conflicts with humans in urban and temple areas due to scavenging.

IUCN Status: Least Concern

Threats include habitat loss, urbanization, human-wildlife conflict, and capture for research/entertainment.