

**Current Affairs · 19 October 2026****6 min**

READING TIME

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KEY STORIES

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IN BRIEF

2 + 1

MCQS + MAINS

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PAPER MIX

01 — TODAY IN 2 MINUTES

The 2 stories you can't skip**1 Survey identifies 36 new species including 24 Western Ghats endemics****Why it matters:** Biodiversity documentation and endemism: a key GS3 Environment and Ecology topic.

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2 Tamil Nadu youth unemployment falls from 26% to 14% by 2025**Why it matters:** Labor market dynamics and regional employment trends: a relevant GS3 and demographic study.

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NUMBER OF THE DAY

395 species

total count of birds, butterflies, and odonates recorded.

P.2 KEY STORIES » IN BRIEF + PLACES » TEST YOURSELF

P = PRELIMS · M = MAINS

What to know, in 60 seconds each

2 of 2 notes · picked for exam value

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Survey identifies 36 new species including 24 Western Ghats endemics

Why in news: The Forest and Wildlife department and Travancore Nature History Society (TNHS) conducted a survey across Chimmony, Peechi–Vazhani, and Chulannur Peafowl sanctuaries

REMEMBER

- Endemism — 24 species identified as endemic to the Western Ghats.
- Chimmony, Peechi–Vazhani, and Chulannur Peafowl sanctuaries — locations of the survey.
- Travancore Nature History Society (TNHS) — jointly conducted the survey with the Forest and Wildlife department.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of identifying endemic species in the Western Ghats for biodiversity conservation and ecological monitoring in India.

USE: Endemism Biodiversity Conservation Habitat Mapping
Species Documentation

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/138476

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Tamil Nadu youth unemployment falls from 26% to 14% by 2025

Why in news: The Future of India Foundation and Chennai International Centre released the Tamil Nadu Handbook of Youth Opportunity, highlighting a significant decline in youth unemployment in the state.

REMEMBER

- Tamil Nadu Handbook of Youth Opportunity — released by Future of India Foundation and Chennai International Centre
- 14% — the youth unemployment rate for the 15 to 29 age group in Tamil Nadu by 2025
- 52% of youth aged 22 to 29 in Tamil Nadu hold degrees

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the structural factors contributing to the changing employment landscape for youth in Tamil Nadu and its implications for regional economic development.

USE: employment trends youth demographics
skill development regional economic disparity

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/138410

2 questions, 2 minutes

Answers at the bottom, upside down

- 1** With reference to the biodiversity survey in the Western Ghats sanctuaries, consider the following statements:
1. The survey identified 30 species endemic to the Western Ghats.
 2. The survey recorded a total of 395 species of birds, butterflies, and odonates.
 3. The survey was a joint effort between the Forest and Wildlife department and the Travancore Nature History Society.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- ☐ a 1 only ☐ b 2 only
☐ c 1 and 2 only ☐ d 2 and 3 only

- 2** With reference to the youth employment landscape in Tamil Nadu, consider the following statements:

1. Exactly 60% of youth aged 22 to 29 in the state hold degrees.
2. More than half of the youth in the study hold regular salaried jobs.
3. The youth unemployment rate for the 15 to 29 age group fell to 14% by 2025.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- ☐ a 1 only ☐ b 2 only
☐ c 1 and 3 only ☐ d 2 and 3 only

MAINS PRACTICE

Write one answer today

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USE :

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