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### Practice — 2 MCQs

#### HOW EACH NOTE READS

Why in news → facts to remember → a Mains question with keywords. Duplicate stories are merged.

#### SHORT ON TIME?

The 5-page **Brief** has the stories that matter most, plus a quiz. Same day, same notes.

## Economy

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EMPLOYMENT &amp; INCLUSIVE GROWTH

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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.

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| REPORT  | Tamil Nadu Handbook of Youth Opportunity — released by Future of India Foundation and Chennai International Centre |
| FIGURE  | 14% — the youth unemployment rate for the 15 to 29 age group in Tamil Nadu by 2025                                 |
| CONCEPT | 52% of youth aged 22 to 29 in Tamil Nadu hold degrees                                                              |
| FIGURE  | 56% — the percentage of youth in the study holding regular salaried jobs                                           |

**MAINS Q** 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 labor force participation

## Environment & Ecology

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BIODIVERSITY &amp; CONSERVATION

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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

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| CONCEPT | Endemism — 24 species identified as endemic to the Western Ghats.                                                |
| PLACE   | Chimmony, Peechi–Vazhani, and Chulannur Peafowl sanctuaries — locations of the survey.                           |
| BODY    | Travancore Nature History Society (TNHS) — jointly conducted the survey with the Forest and Wildlife department. |
| FIGURE  | 395 species — total count of birds, butterflies, and odonates recorded.                                          |

**MAINS Q** 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

## 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

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