

**Current Affairs • 1 November 2026****6 min**

READING TIME

2

KEY STORIES

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IN BRIEF

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MCQS + MAINS

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PAPER MIX

01 — TODAY IN 2 MINUTES

The 2 stories you can't skip**1 Tamil Nadu government hikes dearness allowance for employees and teachers****Why it matters:** Fiscal Federalism and public service welfare: a GS3 case study on state expenditure and wage parity.

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2 Bezos Earth Fund commits \$100 million to protect 31,000 high-risk species**Why it matters:** Private-public partnerships and philanthropic funding in biodiversity conservation: a GS2 and Environment case study.

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NUMBER OF THE DAY

63%

New dearness allowance rate for government employees and teachers

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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Tamil Nadu government hikes dearness allowance for employees and teachers

Why in news: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay announced a hike in dearness allowance (DA) for government employees and teachers to align with Central government rates.

REMEMBER

- Tamil Nadu — State government aligning state dearness allowance with central rates
- 63% — New dearness allowance rate for government employees and teachers
- 16 lakh — Total number of beneficiaries including employees, teachers, and pensioners

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the fiscal implications and socio-economic significance of aligning state-level dearness allowances with central government rates for public servants.

USE : Dearness Allowance Fiscal Federalism Public Service

Wage Parity

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/145511

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Bezos Earth Fund commits \$100 million to protect 31,000 high-risk species

Why in news: The Bezos Earth Fund committed \$100 million to the Species Recovery Alliance to protect over 31,000 high-risk species classified as endangered or extinct in the wild.

REMEMBER

- Species Recovery Alliance — A partnership of 9 founding organisations with a \$500 million commitment.
- \$100 million — Amount committed by Bezos Earth Fund for species protection.
- IUCN — The body responsible for classifying species as endangered or extinct in the wild.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the role of private-public partnerships and philanthropic funding in achieving global biodiversity conservation targets under the UN framework.

USE : Biodiversity conservation Philanthropic funding

Species recovery

Private-public partnership

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/145502

2 questions, 2 minutes

Answers at the bottom, upside down

1 What is the total number of beneficiaries including employees, teachers, and pensioners impacted by the dearness allowance hike in Tamil Nadu?

- (a) 20 lakh (b) 25 lakh
(c) 16 lakh (d) 10 lakh

2 With reference to the Species Recovery Alliance and biodiversity conservation, consider the following statements:

1. The Bezos Earth Fund committed \$100 million to the initiative.
2. The Species Recovery Alliance consists of a total commitment of \$10 million.
3. The initiative aims to protect over 31,000 high-risk species.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 2 only (b) 3 only
(c) 1 and 2 only (d) 1 and 3 only

MAINS PRACTICE

Write one answer today

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USE: Dearness Allowance Fiscal Federalism Public Service Wage Parity State Expenditure

ANSWERS · 1 (c) 2 (d)



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