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1. Nilgiri Tahr (Nilgiri Ibex)

Prelims Perspective: What needs to be learned

- Habitat and Protection Status
- Eravikulam National Park

What needs to be known?

- **Nilgiri Tahr (Nilgiri Ibex)**
 - **Habitat**
 - ★ It is **endemic to the Nilgiri Hills** and the southern portion of the **Western Ghats in Tamil Nadu and Kerala**.
 - **Protection Status**
 - ★ **IUCN Status:** Endangered ; **WPA , 1972:** Schedule 1
 - **Threats**
 - ★ Habitat loss (mainly from domestic livestock and spread of invasive plants) ; Poaching.
 - ★ Populations of these animals are small and isolated, making them vulnerable to local extinction,
 - ★ Climate Change
 - **Fact to Know:** It is the state animal of Tamil Nadu.
- **Eravikulam National Park**
 - **Location:** Southern Western Ghats, Kerala.
 - **Ecological Significance:** Presence of Shola Forest and key habitat of Nilgiri Tahr.



2. Grey Slender Loris

Prelims Perspective: What needs to be learned?

- What are primates
- Protection Status of Grey Slender Loris

What needs to be known?

• Grey Slender Loris

- ➔ **What is it?**: It is a **primate species** that is **nocturnal** in nature.
- ➔ **Habitat**: They are found in the dry forests of South India, especially Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana.
- ➔ **Protection Status**
 - ★ IUCN: Near Threatened; WPA: Schedule I; CITES: Appendix II



What are Primates?

- **Primates** are a group of mammals that include **humans, monkeys, apes, lemurs, and lorises**.

3. MERCOSUR Grouping

Prelims Perspective: What needs to be learned?

- What's Mercosur and who are the Member Countries
- India's Engagement

Mains Perspective: Notes need to be prepared

- Regional Grouping(GS II- International Relations)

What needs to be known?

- **MERCOSUR Grouping**
 - ➔ **What is it?:** It is a regional trade bloc and customs union headquartered in Montevideo, Uruguay, and formed by the Treaty of Asunción (1991).
 - ➔ **Member Countries**
 - ★ Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay.
- **Significance of MERCOSUR Grouping for India**
 - ➔ Diversification of the market for Indian goods like pharmaceuticals, automobiles, textiles, IT services, chemicals, and engineering goods
 - ➔ Access to critical minerals like Lithium (**Lithium Triangle** - Argentina, Chile, and Bolivia).
 - ➔ Strengthens South-South cooperation and ensures support for UN reforms.