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Correction and Clarifications

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Topic 91: Loggerhead Turtles

- 1. IUCN Status Vulnerable and Schedule I WPA, 1972
- 2. Habitat: distributed throughout the world (found in the Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian Oceans, as well as the Mediterranean Sea)
- 3. Nesting beaches are under threat due to Tourism
- 4. Low reproductive rate
- 5. Loggerheads don't lay eggs on Indian coast



Topic 92: Hawksbill marine turtle

- 1. 'Critically Endangered' and Schedule 1 WPA, 1972
- 2. Worldwide distribution -- Indian, Pacific, and Atlantic Oceans
- 3. Found mostly in warm tropical waters
- 4. Unique characteristic biofluorescent



Topic 93: Green marine turtle

Key points:

- 1. 'Endangered' by the IUCN and CITES
- 2. Widely distributed in tropical and subtropical waters
- 3. Atlantic, Pacific Oceans and also Indian Oceans

Do you know?

- World Turtle Day was observed on 23rd May 2020
- Theme: 'Adopt, Don't Shop'



Topic 94: CENTRAL ASIAN FLYWAY ACTION PLAN

Key Points:

- India assumed presidency of UN body on Migratory Species for 3 years
- 2. India prepared National Action Plan to achieve CAFAP
- 3. India home to several migratory species
- 7 species were identified for Conservation and Recovery Action Plan.

CENTRAL ASIAN FLYWAY ACTION PLAN

- 1. States should promote conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitats
- 2. Build and compliments action plans of Centre
- 3. Build and compliments action plans of international conventions

Implementation of CAF Action Plan

- 1. Species which are included in Appendix I of CMS
- 2. Species which are listed as threatened in Threatened Birds of the World (by BirdLife International)
- 3. Populations, which number less than around 10,000 individuals



Topic 95: Recovery Programmes for Critically Endangered Species

Key points:

- 1. Currently has 21 critically endangered species
- 2. Part of IDWH
- 3. 4 species were recently added -
 - 1) Northern River Terrapin
 - 2) Clouded Leopard
 - 3) Arabian Sea Humpback Whale
 - 4) Red Panda
- 4. National Board for Wildlife adds the critically endangered species

17 other species

- 1. Snow Leopard
- 2. Bustard (including Floricans)
- 3. Dolphin
- 4. Hangul
- 5. Nilgiri Tahr
- 6. Marine Turtles
- 7. Dugongs
- 8. Edible Nest Swiftlet
- 9. Asian Wild Buffalo
- 10. Nicobar Megapode
- 11. Manipur Brow-antlered Deer
- 12. Vultures
- 13. Malabar Civet
- 14. Indian Rhinoceros
- 15. Asiatic Lion
- 16. Swamp Deer
- 17. Jerdon's Courser



Topic 96: Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitat (IDWH)

- 1. Centrally sponsored scheme
- 2. Provides technical and financial assistance to States/UTs for protection of wildlife habitat
- 3. 3 important components -
 - 1) Support to Protected Areas
 - 2) Protection of Wildlife outside Protected Areas
 - 3) Recovery Program for critically endangered habitats and species



Topic 97: Parliamentary Budget Office

- 1. Independent and impartial body
- 2. Provides technical and objective analysis of Budgets and public finance
- 3. Helps to generate quality public debate on Budget policy and public finance
- 4. Executive-led budgetary governance has not been successful in India
- 5. PBO and AG Auditor general provide retrospective audits and analysis of the financial accounts and performance of government operations



Topic 98: Role of the Governor during Hung Assembly

- 1. Article 163 Governor should act on the aid and advice of CoM
- 2. Discretionary power When no party gets a clear majority, the governor has discretion to choose a candidate for chief minister who will put together a majority coalition as soon as possible.
- 3. Preferred order?
- 4. Sarkaria Commission
- 5. Article 174 Governor summons the House only on the advice of the Council of Ministers



Topic 99: Delimitation

Key points:

- 1. Act of redrawing boundaries of Lok Sabha and state Assembly seats
- 2. Objective equal representation to equal segments of a population
- 3. Delimitation is carried out by an independent Delimitation Commission
- 4. Constitution mandates that its orders are final
- 5. Article 82 Parliament enacts Delimitation Act after every Census
- 6. Union Govt sets up the Delimitation Commission
- 7. Last delimitation exercise started in July 2002 and completed on May 31, 2008 was based on the 2001 Census

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Topic 100: Presidential Pardoning Powers

- 1. Article 72
- 2. Commutation : : reducing the punishment by changing the nature of punishment
- 3. Pardon : : removes both the sentence and the conviction
- 4. Remission : : reducing the period of sentence without changing its character
- 5. Respite : : awarding a lesser sentence in place of one originally awarded due to some special fact
- 6. Reprieve : : stay of the execution of a sentence for a temporary period



Topic 101: SARAL

Key points:

- 1. State rooftop solar attractiveness Index (SARAL)
- 2. Designed collaboratively by MNRE, Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation; ASSOCHAM and Ernst & Young

SARAL currently captures five key aspects -

- 1) Robustness of policy framework
- 2) Implementation environment
- 3) Investment climate
- 4) Consumer experience
- 5) Business ecosystem



Topic 102: NISHTHA

- 1. National Mission to improve Learning Outcomes at the Elementary level (NISHTHA)
- 2. Launched by HRD Ministry
- 3. To build capacities of 42 Lakh government teachers
- 4. Objectives



Topic 103: Sabka Vishwas Scheme

- 1. Sabka Vishwas (Legacy Dispute Resolution) Scheme
- 2. Announced in 2019-20 budget and operationalised from Sept 1 till Dec 31, 2019
- 3. 2 main components dispute resolution and amnesty
- 4. Aimed at liquidating the legacy cases of central excise and service tax, now subsumed under GST
- 5. Provides substantial relief in the tax dues and reduce tax litigation



Topic 104: Golden Jubilee Celebration of Vivekananda Rock Memorial and Ek Bharat, Vijayi Bharat

- 1. 50th foundation year
- 2. Vivekananda Rock Memorial is a monument in Kanyakumari
- 3. Built in 1970 in honour of Swami Vivekananda
- 4. Ek Bharat, Vijayi Bharat to spread the messages of Swami Vivekananda



Topic 105: Chilika lake and Ansupa Lake

Key points:

- 1. About Chilika lake
 - It is a brackish water lagoon
 - East coast of Odisha, at the mouth of the Daya River
 - It is the largest wintering ground for migratory birds
 - First Indian wetland of international importance under the Ramsar Convention
 - The Irrawaddy dolphin (Orcaella brevirostris) is the flagship species

2. Ansupa Lake -

- Odisha's largest freshwater lake
- Famous for sweet water fish and 32 species of migratory birds