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Q15

Identify and discuss the factors responsible for diversity of natural vegetation in India. Assess the significance of wildlife sanctuaries in rain forests regions of India.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · GS I · 15 marks · Indian Society and Diversity

Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

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Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972

Central law that creates sanctuaries, national parks, and schedules of protected species.

Western Ghats and north-east

Two of India's main tropical rainforest and biodiversity-hotspot belts.

Periyar and Kalakad-Mundanthurai

Examples of protected wet-forest landscapes in the southern Western Ghats.

Namdapha

Eastern Himalaya-Patkai wet forest complex in Arunachal Pradesh with high faunal range.

Forest Rights Act, 2006

Law that must sit beside sanctuary notification if local forest dwellers are not to be erased.

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