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The term 'M-STrIPES' is sometimes seen in the news in the context of (a) Captive breeding of Wild Fauna (b) Maintenance of Tiger Reserves (c) Indigenous Satellite Navigation System (d) Security of National Highways Official key: B.

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Explanation**(a)**

Captive breeding of wild fauna is a zoo and conservation-breeding function (CZA, species recovery). M-STrIPES is not that programme. This option is not the key.

(b) Official key

M-STrIPES is Monitoring System for Tigers' Intensive Protection and Ecological Status, a GPS-based field protocol used in tiger reserves for patrols, evidence and ecological monitoring. That is why (b) is the official key.

(c)

Indigenous satellite navigation is **NavIC** (IRNSS), not M-STrIPES. This option is therefore wrong.

(d)

National highway security is a Home/NHAI/police function, not this acronym. This option is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (b) Maintenance of Tiger Reserves. M-STrIPES is **NTCA**'s Android/GPS tool for beat-level protection and ecological data in tiger landscapes. It is not a captive-breeding scheme, not **NavIC**, and not a highways project. The acronym is a regular Prelims pairing with **Project Tiger**.

Related possible facts

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M-STrIPES expansion

Monitoring System for Tigers' Intensive Protection and Ecological Status

NTCA

National Tiger Conservation Authority, statutory under WPA

Phase-IV monitoring

Intensive tiger monitoring that uses M-STripES in reserves

NavIC

Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System

Project Tiger

Launched 1973; core-buffer tiger reserves

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