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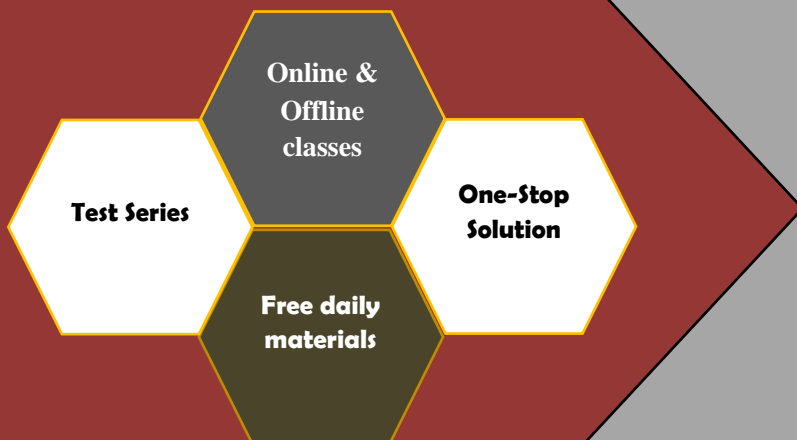
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Slender Loris

Recently, some environmentalists demanded that Tamil Nadu's Kadavur Reserve Forest be declared as a **Wildlife Sanctuary** in order to conserve **Slender Loris** (*Loris tardigradus*).

- The wildlife census conducted during 2016-17 showed an **appreciable population of 3,500 slender loris in the Karur Reserve forest.**

Key Points

About

- The slender lorises (*Loris*) are a genus of loris **native to India and Sri Lanka.**
- Slender lorises spend most of **their life in trees, traveling along the tops of branches with slow and precise movements.**
- They generally feed **on insects, reptiles, plant shoots, and fruit.**

Habitat:

- - They are found in **tropical rainforests, scrub forests, semi-deciduous forests, and swamps.**

Types:

- - There are **two species of Slender Loris**, the only members of the genus 'Loris':
 - **Red Slender Loris** (*Loris tardigradus*)
 - **Grey Slender Loris** (*Loris lydekkerianus*)

Threat:

- - - It is believed that they have **medicinal properties** and they are captured and sold. Since there is great demand for keeping these animals as pets, **they are illegally**
 - Habitat loss, electrocution of live wires and road accidents **are other threats that have caused its populations to dwindle.**

Protection Status:

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- IUCN: Endangered,
- **Wildlife (Protection) Act of India, 1972:** Schedule I
- CITES: Appendix II

Kadavur Reserve Forest

About

- The forest is **located in Karur district of Tamil Nadu** with a forest area of around 6000-hectare. The forest consists of **hills and dense dry areas**.
- **Indian Bison, Spotted Deer**, mouse deer, slender loris, **Jackal, Mongoose**, black naped hare, wild boar, porcupine, monitor lizard, **Pangolin, Monkeys**, pythons, etc are found in the forest.

