

Why In **NEWS?**



English

Weekly Compilation
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Demands for Grants

Why in News?

- Lok Sabha passes **Demands for Grants 2025–26**, approving ₹50 lakh crore in government expenditure.

What is a Demand for Grant?

- Proposal for expenditure from the **Consolidated Fund of India**.
- Presented to Lok Sabha as part of the Annual Financial Statement.
- Governed by **Article 113** of the Constitution.

Contents of Demand for Grants

- Revenue Expenditure
- Capital Expenditure
- Grants to States/UTs
- Loans & Advances

Who Presents It?

- Each ministry or department presents its own Demand for Grants.
- Large ministries (e.g., Defence, Railways) may have multiple demands.

Parliamentary Process

- **Lok Sabha**: Can approve, reduce, or reject the demands.
- **Rajya Sabha**: No voting rights on these demands.
- Requires prior approval of the President before presentation.



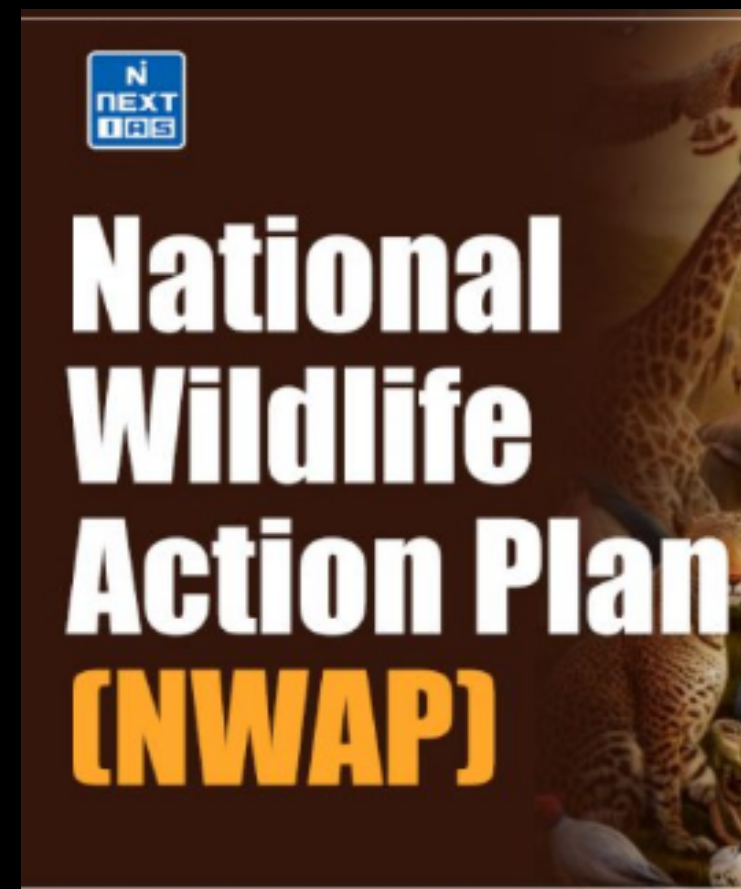
National Board for Wildlife (NBWL)

Why in News?

- The 7th meeting of the **National Board for Wildlife (NBWL)** was chaired by the Prime Minister at Gir National Park, Gujarat.

Key Announcements

- **Dolphin Census:** 6,327 riverine dolphins recorded in 8 states; UP leads the count.
- **Lion Conservation:** 16th population estimate in 2025; Barda Sanctuary to support lion dispersal.
- **Cheetah Project:** Expansion to Gandhisagar (MP) and Banni Grasslands (Gujarat).
- **Wildlife Health Centre:** New referral centre in Junagadh for disease management.
- **Tech Use:** Geospatial mapping and AI to tackle forest fires and human-wildlife conflict.
- **Gharial Conservation:** Focus on reviving declining populations.
- **Great Indian Bustard:** National plan for its protection and recovery.
- **Tiger Conservation:** Efforts to extend protection beyond reserves.



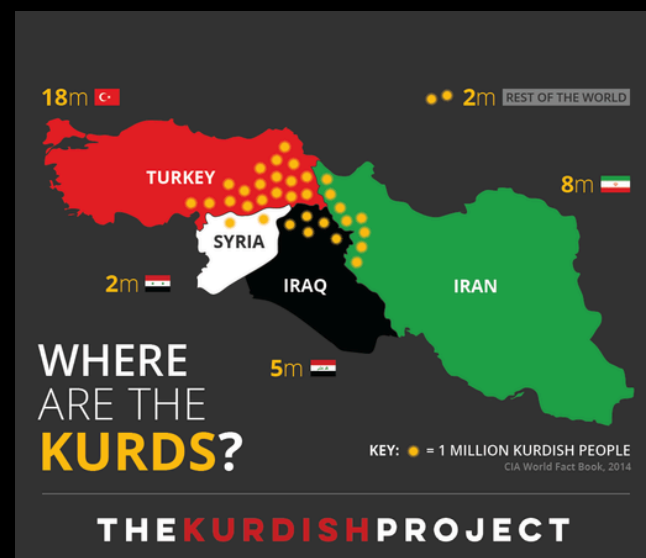
Kurd Issue

Why in News?

- The **Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK)** announced an immediate ceasefire, aiming to end its 40-year insurgency.

About Kurd

- **Kurds:** Ethnic group of 40 million people, mainly in Iran, Iraq, Syria, and Turkey.
- **Language:** Kurds speak various dialects, unrelated to Turkish or Arabic, mostly practicing Sunni Islam.
- **Syria:** Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) control northeastern Syria, with significant political influence.
- **Concerns:** Kurds were promised a nation post-WWI, but their aspirations were never fully realized.
- **Suppression:** They faced rebellion and suppression of their language, culture, and identity by states.
- **Insurgency:** PKK launched an armed insurgency in the 1980s, seeking independence for the Kurds.





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