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Indian Wolf

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- Indian Wolf with the scientific name **Canis lupus pallipes**, synonym Canis Indica is one of the **gray wolf subspecies**.

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- There are around 37 subspecies which are known to exist under Canis lupus. They are **also called as Iranian Wolf**, found in Western India, Iran, Pakistan, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Israel.

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- The Indian Wolf is adapted to scrublands, grasslands, and semi-arid pastoral environments.

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- It is found mainly in the Indian states of Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.

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- The Indian Wolf is categorized as **'Endangered' by IUCN**.

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- It is a **Schedule I animal** in the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

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- **Jai Samand Sanctuary in Rajasthan** is the only one known location where the Indian Wolves are kept in captivity.

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- Indian Wolf is one of the smallest subspecies of wolves and much of its habitat overlaps that of the Himalayan Wolf.

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- Himalayan Wolf (Proposed clade under Tibetan Wolf) is also a subspecies of Gray Wolf species. They are mainly found in Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh.

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- **IUCN Status of Himalayan Wolf is 'Endangered'** (as of 1998). But, it has been suggested by several biologists in India for recognition as a critically endangered species.

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Definitions of various terms related to Indian Monsoon

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- In India, the “average” rainfall or the long-period average (LPA) is the average of rainfall between 1951 and 2000, which is **89 cm**.

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- **Normal Monsoon (Rainfall distribution on All India scale)** - percentage departure of realized rainfall is within $\pm 10\%$ of the Long Period Average.

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- **Below Normal Monsoon** - percentage departure of realized rainfall is $< 10\%$ of the Long Period Average.

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- **Above Normal** - Percentage departure of realized rainfall is $> 10\%$ of the Long Period Average.

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- **All India Drought Year** - When the rainfall deficiency is $>10\%$ and when **20 - 40% of the country is under drought conditions**, then the year is termed as All India Drought Year.

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- **All India Severe Drought Year** - When the rainfall deficiency is $>10\%$ and when the spatial **coverage of drought is more than 40%** it is called as All India Severe Drought Year.

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SOUTHWEST MONSOON	
	RAINFALL RANGE
Deficient	less than 90%
Below normal	90-96%
Normal	96-104%
Above normal	104-110%
Excess	above 110%

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Kamala Awards

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- The award is given by **Crafts Council of India** to a senior craftsperson for his/her contribution towards the development of traditional craft and the

training of younger people in the skill.

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- The recipient of 2017 Kamala Award is **Shri. M.R. Ranganatha Rao from Karnataka** for the revival of Karnataka's temple based craft of wooden puppets and string puppets.

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- The Crafts Council of India (CCI) was **founded in 1964 by Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay** as one of her pioneering efforts toward protecting and enhancing India's heritage.

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- The CCI is a registered not for profit Society **head-quartered in Chennai.**

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Puppetry in Karnataka

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- **Togalu Gombeyaata** is a puppet show unique to the state of Karnataka.
- It is a play of leather dolls in the native language of Kannada and it is a form of shadow puppetry.

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