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Important Facts for Prelims (30th January 2019)

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National Statistical Commission (NSC)

- NSC was set up by the Government through a **resolution in 2005**.
- The setting up of the NSC followed the decision of the Cabinet to **accept the recommendations of the Rangarajan Commission**, which reviewed the **Indian Statistical System in 2001**.
- NSC is the **apex advisory body** on statistical matters as it was constituted to evolve policies, priorities, and standards in statistical matters.
- The NSC has **four Members besides a Chairperson**, each having specialization and experience in specified statistical fields.

Domestic Council for Gems & Jewellery

- **Ministry of Commerce and Industry** has announced the formation of a **Domestic Council for Gems & Jewellery** to bring the industry's domestic business stakeholders under one umbrella so that they could evolve a unified approach to promote growth in the sector.
- This Council will help in tapping new opportunities in the already existing large domestic market.
- The basic objective of the government is making this unorganized sector, organized and structured so that additional jobs can be created.

Golden Langur



- Recently, **the Assam State Zoo, Guwahati** welcomed the birth of a baby **Golden Langur** at langur breeding facility.
- The **Central Zoo Authority, New Delhi** entrusted the state zoo with the project for the conservation breeding of **golden langur in Assam in 2011**.
- **Gee's golden langur (Trachypithecus geei)**, or simply the golden langur, is an **Old World Monkey** found in a small region of **western Assam, India** and in the neighboring foothills of the **Black Mountains of Bhutan**.
- It is one of the **most endangered primate species** in India.
- It is listed in **Appendix I of CITES**, as **Endangered on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species**, and in **Schedule I of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972**.

Central Zoo Authority

- Central Zoo Authority is a **statutory body** whose main objective is to enforce minimum standards and norms for upkeep and health care of animals in India zoos.
- Zoos are regulated as per the provisions of **Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972** and are guided by the **National Zoo Policy, 1992**. The **Wild Life Protection was amended in 1991 to establish the Central Zoo Authority**.