



# Gray Hanuman Langur

## Why in News

Recently, A troop of **Gray langurs** (*Semnopithecus entellus*) with their pelage (fur or hair) coloured blue was spotted in an industrial neighbourhood of Ankleshwar in Gujarat.

## Key Points



### ▪ **Abobot:**

- Also called Hanuman, Langur, **named after the Hindu god, Hanuman.**
  - Its 16 subspecies' range extends from the Himalayas in the north to peninsular India in the south.
- It is grey washed with buff or silvery shades. Their hands and feet are black and they have long tails for balancing on tree limbs.

### ▪ **Habitat:**

- It is found both in forests and near human habitations.
- They inhabit areas between **2,200-4,000 metres above mean sea level** in the subtropical, tropical moist temperate, alpine, coniferous and broadleaved forests and scrublands.

### ▪ **Distribution:**

- It is distributed in a varied habitat including dry [savannah](#) and [tropical rainforests](#).
- In the Indian Subcontinent, their distribution is reported in Bhutan, **northern India and Nepal.**

### ▪ **Threat:**

- [Deforestation](#), [Mining](#) and [Pollution](#).

### ▪ **Protection Status:**

- [IUCN Red List](#): Least Concern

- **CITES**: Appendix-I
- **Wildlife Protection Act, 1972** : Schedule-I

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