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Important Fact For Prelims (9th March 2019)

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Indian Brown Mongoose

- An **Indian brown mongoose (*Herpestes fuscus*)** has been seen at the **Biligiri ranganabetta tiger reserve (BRT)** in Chamarajanagar district, Karnataka.
- This is the **first time** this species has been **seen outside Virajpet Taluk in Karnataka**.
- Indian brown mongoose has a dark brown coat with fine strips and black legs.
- All mongoose species found in India are protected **under Schedule II (Part II) of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972**, which prohibits all trade of animals listed in it. **IUCN Status** is the **least concern**.
- Chamarajanagar district is the **only district in India** which has **three Tiger Reserves-Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Biligiri ranganabetta Tiger Reserve (BRT)** and **Malai Mahadeshwara Tiger Reserve**.