

'Blue Langurs' spotted in Gujarat's Ankleshwar

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In news– 'Blue Langurs' have been spotted in Ankleshwar, Gujarat recently.

Adverse impact of the industries on Blue Langurs-

- The **langurs with their fur coloured blue due to exposure to chemical-based dyes** were spotted in Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC) near Ankleshwar, Gujarat.
- It has highlighted the adverse impact of the industries operating in the town.
- **Many of the chemicals used in the industrial units are carcinogenic and have been reported to cause skin ailments** as well as cancers among workers.
- Locals have often spotted chemical-coloured stray dogs and birds in the town and its vicinity.

About Langur-

- Langur is the **general name given to numerous species of Asian monkeys belonging to the subfamily Colobinae.**
- The term is often restricted to nearly two dozen species of leaf monkeys but is also applied to various other members of the subfamily.
- **The Common, Gray or Hanuman Langur** (*Semnopithecus entellus*) is found across south Asia.
- Its 16 subspecies' range extends from the Himalayas in the north to peninsular India in the south.
- It is found both in forests and near human habitations.

Ankleshwar-

- Ankleshwar is well-known for its industrial units

manufacturing dyes and intermediates.

- The **stretch between Ahmedabad and the industrial city of Vapi in Gujarat is known as the 'Golden Quadrilateral'**.
- It is among the largest industrial clusters in Asia.