Rare Common Wanderer Butterfly Sighted in Villupuram

A rare philomela form of the Common Wanderer butterfly was recently documented in Poothurai, Villupuram district.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The rare philomela form of the **Common Wanderer** butterfly (Pareronia hippia) was spotted in Poothurai of **Villupuram** district.
- The sighting was documented by butterfly enthusiast **Smita Rani Mishra** near Puducherry.
- This butterfly species has been historically associated more often with **northeastern India** and adjoining regions.
- Records of this species from **peninsular India** are comparatively scarce, making this observation significant.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

The **Wildlife Protection Act** in India was enacted in the year **1972**.

The **14th Constitutional Amendment** of India related to the incorporation of **Puducherry** as a Union Territory.

Article 48A of the Indian Constitution deals with the protection and improvement of environment and forests.

The Great Trigonometrical Survey of India commenced in **1802** from **Madras**.

The **Madras Wild Elephants Preservation Act** was enacted in the year **1873**.

The **Tamil Nadu Forest Act** was enacted in the year **1882**.

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