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## Important Facts for Prelims (8th January 2019)

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### Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary



- The seasonal migration of wild animals from wildlife sanctuaries in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu to the Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary (WWS) has begun.
- It is part of **Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve** along with Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary, Bandipur National Park, Nagarhole National Park, Mukurthi National Park and Silent Valley.
- Wayanad Wildlife sanctuary is significant because of **ecological and geographic continuity with other protected areas** such as Bandipur Tiger Reserve and Nagarhole N.P., of Karnataka in north-eastern portion and Mudumalai Tiger Reserve of Tamil Nadu in south-east.
- It has the **world's largest recorded population of Asiatic elephant**.

- Almost the entire Wayanad district is drained by **Kabini** and its three tributaries, the Panamaram, Mananthavady, and Kalindy rivers.

The Kabini River, one of the **three east flowing rivers of Kerala**, is an important tributary of the Kaveri River.