



New Tiger Reserve: Chhattisgarh

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Why in News

Recently, the **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)** has designated the combined areas of the **Guru Ghasidas National Park** and **Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary** as a **Tiger Reserve**.

NTCA is a statutory body under the **Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change**, established in 2005 for strengthening tiger conservation.

Key Points

- **About:**
 - It is located in the **northern part of Chhattisgarh**, bordering Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand.
 - Approval was granted under Section 38V(1) of the **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972**.
 - This will be the **fourth Tiger Reserve in Chhattisgarh**, after the **Udanti-Sitanadi, Achanakmar** and **Indravati Reserves**.
- **Significance:**
 - Guru Ghasidas National Park was the last known habitat of the **Asiatic cheetah** in the country.
 - It connects Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh and provides a corridor for tigers to move between the **Bandhavgarh** (Madhya Pradesh) and **Palamau Tiger Reserves** (Jharkhand).

- **Guru Ghasidas National Park:**

- **About:**

- Named after **the Satnami reformist hero** of the place, **Guru Ghasidas**, is the result of the carving of Chhattisgarh from Madhya Pradesh in the year of 2000. It is located in the Koriya district of Chhattisgarh.
- The park has **undulating topography** and it falls under the **Tropical climate zone**.

- **Biodiversity:**

- **Flora:** The vegetation consists mainly of mixed deciduous forest with teak, sal and bamboo trees.
- **Fauna:** Tiger, Leopard, Chital, Nilgai, Chinkara, Jackal, Sambar, Four-horned Antelope etc.

- **Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary:**

- **About:**

- It is **located in the Surajpur district of Chhattisgarh** bordering Uttar Pradesh. It is named after **Tamor hill and Pingla Nalla**.
- Tamor hill and Pingla Nalla are considered to be the old and prominent features of the sanctuary area.

- **Biodiversity:**

- **Flora:** **Mixed deciduous forests dominate the sanctuary**. Sal and bamboo forests are seen all through.
- **Fauna:** Tigers, Elephants, leopards, bears, sambar deer, blue bulls, chital, bison and many such animals are found here.

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