



Kaziranga National Park: Assam

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Why in News

The **Central Empowered Committee (CEC)**, constituted by the **Supreme Court**, has asked the Assam government to take **action on illegal construction in the identified wildlife corridors** of the Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve.

Earlier, **Kaziranga National Park** became the **first in the country to use satellite phones** and **Dehing Patkai and Raimona** were designated as National Parks and the **Eco-sensitive zone of the Deepor Beel Wildlife Sanctuary** was notified.



7 NATIONAL PARKS IN ASSAM

- 6th : Raimona National Park (Notified in 2021)
- 7th : Dihing Patkai National Park (Notified in June 2021)

Key Points

- **Location:**

It is located in the **State of Assam** and covers 42,996 Hectare (ha). It is the **single largest undisturbed and representative area in the Brahmaputra Valley floodplain.**
- **Legal Status:**
 - It was declared as a **National Park in 1974.**
 - It has been declared a **tiger reserve since 2007.**
- **International Status:**
 - It was declared a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** in 1985.
 - It is recognized as an **Important Bird Area** by BirdLife International.
- **Biodiversity:**
 - It is the **home of the world's most one-horned rhinos.**

Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary has the highest density of one-horned rhinos in the world and second highest number of Rhinos in Assam after Kaziranga National Park.
 - Much of the focus of conservation efforts in Kaziranga are focused on the '**big four**' species - **Rhino, Elephant, Royal Bengal tiger** and **Asiatic water buffalo.**
 - The 2018 census had yielded 2,413 rhinos and approximately 1,100 elephants.
 - As per the figures of tiger census conducted in 2014, **Kaziranga had the third highest population in India** after **Jim Corbett National Park** in Uttarakhand and **Bandipur National Park** in Karnataka.
 - Kaziranga is also **home to 9 of the 14 species of primates** found in the Indian subcontinent.
- **Rivers and Highways:**
 - **National Highway 37** passes through the park area.
 - The park also has more than 250 seasonal water bodies, besides the **Diphlu River** running through it.

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