



## Kaziranga National Park: Assam

### 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.

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## 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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