



Tiger Corridor in Rajasthan

Why in News

The Rajasthan government will develop a **tiger corridor connecting** the newly proposed [‘Ramgarh Tiger Reserve’](#), [Ranthambore Tiger Reserve](#) and [Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve](#).

- [Sariska Tiger Reserve](#) is another Tiger reserve in Rajasthan.

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Key Points

- **About the Animal Corridor:**
 - **Wildlife or animal corridors** are meant to ensure safe passage for animals between two isolated habitats.
 - In wildlife parlance, corridors are mainly of two types: **functional and structural**.
 - **Functional corridors** are defined in terms of functionality from the perspective of the animal (basically areas where there has been recorded movement of wildlife).
 - **Structural corridors** are contiguous strips of forested areas and structurally connect the otherwise fragmented blocks of the landscape.
 - When structural corridors are affected by human anthropogenic activities, functional corridors automatically widen because of animal use.
 - In 2019, the **National Tiger Conservation Authority** in collaboration with the [Wildlife Institute of India](#) published a document, mapping out **32 major corridors across the country**, management interventions for which are operationalised through a Tiger Conservation Plan.

- The states are required to **submit a Tiger Conservation Plan** under section **38V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972**.
- **Other Protected Areas in Rajasthan:**
 - **Desert National Park**, Jaisalmer
 - Keoladeo National Park, Bharatpur
 - **Sajjargarh wildlife sanctuary**, Udaipur
 - National Chambal Sanctuary (on tri-junction of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh).
- **Protection Status of Tiger:**
 - **Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972**: Schedule I
 - **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)** Red List: Endangered.
 - **Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)**: Appendix I.

Project Tiger

- Project Tiger is a **Centrally Sponsored Scheme** of the **Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change** launched in 1973 to provide central assistance to the tiger States for tiger conservation in designated tiger reserves in India.
- The project is administered by the **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)**.

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- It is a statutory body under the **Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change**.
- It was established in 2005 following the recommendations of the Tiger Task Force.
- It was constituted under enabling provisions of the **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972**, as amended in 2006, for strengthening tiger conservation, as per powers and functions assigned to it.

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