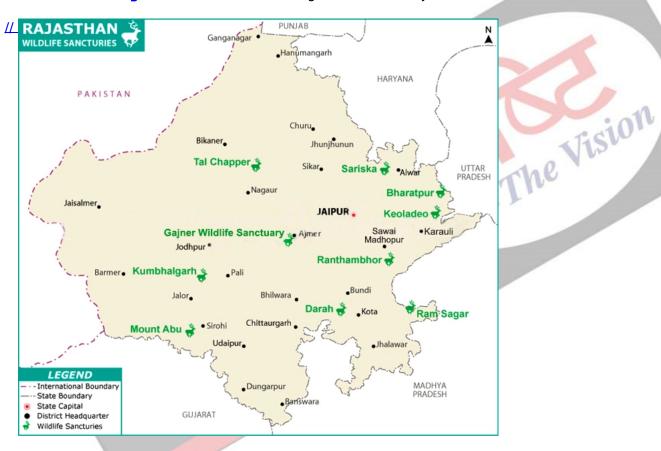


# **Tiger Corridor in Rajasthan**

## Why in News

The Rajasthan government will develop a **tiger corridor connecting** the newly proposed <u>'Ramgarh Tiger Reserve'</u>, <u>Ranthambore Tiger Reserve</u> **and** <u>Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve</u>.

• Sariska Tiger Reserve is another Tiger reserve in Rajasthan.



## **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
  - Sajjangarh 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 <u>Centrally Sponsored Scheme</u> of the <u>Ministry of Environment</u>, <u>Forests and Climate Change</u> 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 <u>National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)</u>.

### National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)

- 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 <u>Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972</u>, as amended in 2006, for strengthening tiger conservation, as per powers and functions assigned to it.

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