



# Amargarh Leopard Reserve

## Why In News

- On May 22, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the Amargarh Leopard Reserve from the Chief Minister's residence on The International Day of Bio-diversity.

## Key Point

- Amargarh, a reserved forest section located on the Aravali mountain ranges, is a forest area spread over 1524 hectares. Being located in the middle of the state's first leopard reserve Jhalana and Nahargarh sanctuary, this is very important from the point of view of wildlife conservation and corridor development.
- There are about 15 leopards in this forest area, apart from this, the carnivorous wild animals are mainly hyena, jackal, wild cat, fox and civet cat. Among the herbivorous wild animals are the wild animals like sambhar, nilgai, rabbit etc.
- This forest area is a tropical, mixed/fall/monsoon forest area. There are vegetations like Totalis, Kumtha, Dhonk, Salar, Goya Khair etc. on the slope of Khejri hill in the sandy plain area.
- It may be noted that as a result of the efforts made by the Department in the field of wildlife conservation under Project Leopard, the number of leopards in the Jhalana Leopard Reserve has been steadily increasing after the year 2017. In 2018, while the number of leopards was around 20, the total number of leopards in the entire area is currently around 40.

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