



Pilibhit Tiger Reserve: Uttar Pradesh

Why in News

A carcass of a five-year-old tigress was found in the Pilibhit Tiger Reserve (Uttar Pradesh).

Key Points

▪ About:

- It is **located in Pilibhit and Shahjahanpur district of Uttar Pradesh.**
- It was **notified as [Tiger Reserve](#) in 2014.**
 - In 2020, it bagged **[international award TX2](#)** for doubling up the number of tigers in the past four years.
- It forms the part of **Terai Arc Landscape** in the **upper Gangetic Plain.**
- The **northern edge of the reserve lies along the Indo-Nepal border** while the **southern boundary is marked by the river Sharada and Khakra.**

▪ Flora and Fauna:

- It is home to a habitat for over 127 animals, 326 bird species and 2,100 flowering plants.
- Wild animals include **tiger**, [swamp deer](#), [bengal florican](#), [leopard](#), etc.
- It has high **sal forests**, plantation and grasslands with several water bodies.

▪ Other Protected Areas in Uttar Pradesh

- [Dudhwa National Park](#)
- [National Chambal Sanctuary](#)
- Chandraprabha Wildlife Sanctuary
- Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary

Terai Arc Landscape

- The Terai Arc Landscape (TAL) is **an 810 km stretch between the river [Yamuna](#) in the west and the river Bhagmati in the east.**
 - **Bhagmati River** is a river in south-central Nepal and northern Bihar state.
- Comprises the **Shivalik hills**, the adjoining **bhabhar areas** and the **Terai flood plains.**
 - The **bhabhar** is that part of the Indian Northern Plains where the rivers, after descending from the mountains, deposit pebbles. It is a narrow belt, having a width of about 8 to 16 km and lying parallel to the slopes of the Shiwaliks.
 - All the streams disappear in this bhabhar belt. South of this belt, the streams and rivers re-emerge and **create a wet, swampy and marshy region known as terai.**
- It is **spread across the Indian states of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar**, and the **low lying hills of Nepal.**
- It boasts of **some of India's most well-known Tiger Reserves and Protected Areas** such as **Corbett Tiger Reserve** (Uttarakhand), **Rajaji National Park** (Uttarakhand), **Dudhwa Tiger Reserve** (Uttar Pradesh), **Valmiki Tiger Reserve** (Bihar).

- In total, **the landscape has 13 Protected Areas, 9 in India and 4 in Nepal**, covering a total area of 49,500 km², of which **30,000km² lies in India**.
- The forests are **home to three flagship species**, the **Bengal tiger** (*Panthera tigris*), the **greater one horned rhino** (*Rhinoceros unicornis*) and the **Asian elephant** (*Elephas maximus*).

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