



# Corbett Tiger Reserve: Uttarakhand

## Why in News

Recently, the Delhi High Court has asked the [National Tiger Conservation Authority \(NTCA\)](#) to consider as representation a petition to **stop the alleged illegal construction** of bridges and walls within tiger breeding habitat of the [Corbett Tiger Reserve](#).

## National Tiger Conservation Authority

- 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.

## Key Points

### ▪ About:

- It is located in Nainital district of Uttarakhand. The [Project Tiger](#) was launched in 1973 in **Corbett National Park** (first National Park of India), which is **part of Corbett Tiger Reserve**.
  - The national park was **established in 1936 as Hailey National Park** to protect the endangered Bengal tiger.
  - It is **named after Jim Corbett** who played a key role in its establishment.
- The **core area forms the Corbett National Park** while the buffer contains reserve forests as well as the **Sonanadi Wildlife Sanctuary**.
- The entire area of the reserve is mountainous and **falls in the Shivalik and Outer Himalaya geological provinces**.
- **Ramganga, Sonanadi, Mandal, Palain and Kosi** are the major rivers flowing through the Reserve.

### ▪ Flora:

- According to the [botanical survey of India](#), Corbett has **600 species of plants - trees, shrubs, ferns, grass, climbers, herbs and bamboos**. Sal, Khair and Sissoo are the most visible trees found in Corbett.

### ▪ Fauna:

- Apart from tigers, Corbett also has leopards. Other mammals such as **jungle cats, barking deer, spotted deer, sambar deer, sloth** etc. are also found there.

### ▪ Other Major Protected Areas of Uttarakhand:

- [Nanda Devi National Park](#).
- Valley of Flowers National Park.

- Valley of Flowers National Park and Nanda Devi National Park together are a [UNESCO World Heritage Site](#).
- [Rajaji National Park](#).
- [Gangotri National Park](#).
- Govind National Park.

## National Parks & Sanctuaries of Uttarakhand



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