



Tiger Found Dead in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve

Why in News?

Recently, a **young tiger** was found **dead in the [Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve \(BTR\)](#) in Madhya Pradesh's Umaria district.**

Key Points

- The **carcass** of the sub-adult tiger, aged between 12 months and 18 months, was **spotted in a trench in Dhamokhar range of the BTR.**
- The **carcass was disposed of as per guidelines of [the National Tiger Conservation Authority \(NTCA\)](#) after an autopsy.**
 - **On January 9**, the **carcass of a young tiger**, aged between 15 months and 18 months, was **found lying in a trench in the Pator range of BTR.**
- **Madhya Pradesh retained the “tiger State” status in the recent census (2022)**, with the number of **big cats in the State rising to 785 from 526 in 2018.**
- As per the report **‘Status of Tigers: Co-predators & Prey in India-2022’**, released by the **NTCA** and **[Wildlife Institute of India](#)** in July 2023, **Madhya Pradesh (785)** has the highest number of tigers in the country, followed by **Karnataka (563)** and **Uttarakhand (560).**

Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve (BTR)

- It is **located in the Umaria district of Madhya Pradesh** and is spread over the Vindhya hills.
- In 1968, it was **notified as a national park and in 1993** was declared a tiger reserve- under the Project Tiger Network at the neighbouring Panpatha Sanctuary.
- It derives **its name from the most prominent hillock of the area, which was said to be given by Hindu Lord Rama** to his brother Lakshmana to keep a watch on Lanka. Hence the name Bandhavgarh.
- It is **known for the Royal Bengal Tigers.** The density of the tiger population at Bandhavgarh is the highest known in India as well as in the world.
- The **whole park is filled with more than 20 streams out of which some of the most important streams are** Johilla, Janadh, Charanganga, Damnar, Banbei, Ambanala and Andhiyari Jhiria.
 - **These streams then merge into the [Son river](#)** (an important southern tributary to the river Ganga).
- The **important prey species consists** of chital, sambhar, barking deer, nilgai, chinkara, wild pig, chowsingha, langur and rhesus macaque.
- **Dependent upon them are the major predators** like tiger, **[leopard](#)**, wild dog, wolf and jackal.

Wildlife Institute of India

- It is an **autonomous institution under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.**
- It was **established in 1982.**
- It is **based in Dehradun, Uttarakhand.**
- It offers training programs, academic courses, and advisory in wildlife research and management.

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