

# **Dholpur-Karauli: India's 54th Tiger Reserve**

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## Why in News?

National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has given its approval for the establishment of the Dholpur-Karauli Tiger Reserve in the state of Rajasthan.

It has secured its position as the fifth <u>tiger reserve</u> in the state of Rajasthan following Mukundra Hills, Ramgarh Vishdhari, Ranthambore, and Sariska.

# What are Tiger Reserves?

- A protected area designated for the conservation of the striped big cats (tigers) is referred to as Tiger Reserve. However, a tiger reserve may also be a national park or wildlife sanctuary.
  - For Example: The Sariska Tiger Reserve is also a <u>national park</u>. It is so because the place was originally created as a national park and <u>later dedicated to tiger</u> conservation.
- Tiger Reserves are **notified by State Governments** as per provisions of **Section 38V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972** on advice of the National Tiger Conservation Authority.
  - Presently, India accommodates a total of 54 Tiger Reserves (with the most recent addition being the **Dholpur-Karauli Tiger Reserve**).

## Note:

- India is home to 75% of the world's tiger population. As per the latest report on the Status of Tigers in India, the tiger count in the country has surged to 3,167 as of 2022.
- <u>Project Tiger</u> is an ongoing centrally sponsored program of the Ministry of Environment,
  Forests, and Climate Change that provides government assistance to tiger states for tiger conservation in designated tiger reserves

# What is the National Tiger Conservation Authority?

- About:
  - The NTCA is a statutory body under the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change constituted under enabling provisions of the <u>Wildlife (Protection) Act</u>, 1972, as amended in 2006, for strengthening tiger conservation.
- Objectives:
  - Providing statutory authority to Project Tiger so that compliance of its directives becomes legal.
  - Fostering accountability of Center-State in management of Tiger Reserves, by providing a basis for MoU with States within our federal structure.
  - Addressing livelihood interests of local people in areas surrounding Tiger



# **UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Question (PYQ)**

#### Q1. Consider the following protected areas: (2012)

- 1. Bandipur
- 2. Bhitarkanika
- 3. Manas
- 4. Sunderbans

# Which of the above are declared Tiger Reserves?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- **(b)** 1, 3 and 4 only
- (c) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans: (b)

Q2. From the ecological point of view, which one of the following assumes importance in being a good link between the Eastern Ghats and the Western Ghats? (2017)

- (a) Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve
- (b) Nallamala Forest
- (c) Nagarhole National Park
- (d) Seshachalam Biosphere Reserve

Ans: (a)

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