

Uttarakhand to Translocate Four Tigers to Rajasthan | Uttarakhand | 30 Mar 2024

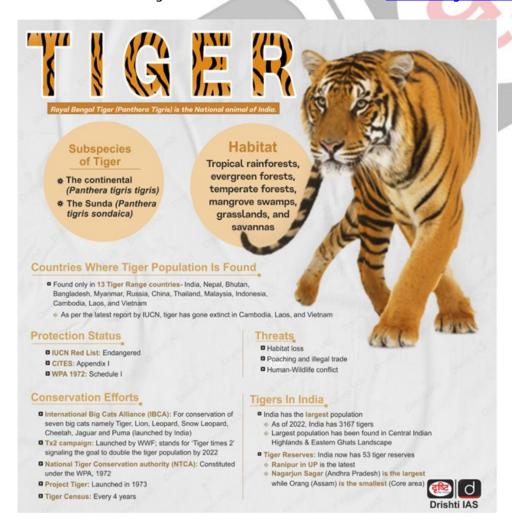
Why in News?

Recently, the Uttarakhand government has agreed to translocate four tigers to Rajasthan following a request from the authorities.

Key Points

According to guidelines of the <u>National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA</u>), the tigers to be sent to Rajasthan will not be captured from the protected forest area but from the <u>buffer zone</u>.

- A similar request for the relocation of three tigers to Odisha has also been received and it is under consideration.
- The requests from the Rajasthan and the Odisha governments for the translocation of tigers were received following the successful operation of the **tiger relocation project** in Uttarakhand under which four big cats were translocated from the <u>Corbett Tiger Reserve</u> to <u>Rajaji Tiger Reserve</u>.



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.

Rajaji Tiger Reserve

- It is located in Haridwar (Uttarakhand), along the foothills of the Shivalik range. It is part of Rajaji National Park.
- Rajaji National Park was established in the year 1983 after amalgamating three sanctuaries in the Uttarakhand i.e., Rajaji, Motichur and Chila.
- It was named after the famous freedom fighter C. Rajgopalachari; popularly known as "Rajaji".
- It was declared a **Tiger Reserve** in 2015 as the 48th tiger reserve of the country.

Indian Railway & Uttarakhand Tourism Launches Manaskhand Express | Uttarakhand | 30 Mar 2024

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The Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board, along with the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC), has introduced a new tourist train called the "Manaskhand Express" to promote the hidden gems of the Kumaon Region in Uttarakhand.

Key Points

- The "MANASKHAND EXPRESS BHARAT GAURAV TOURIST TRAIN" is a special 10 Nights/11 Days tour.
- This unique journey is designed to showcase the divine beauty and cultural richness of Uttarakhand's Devbhoomi, known for its spiritual significance and heritage sites.
- Departing on 22 April 2024, the tour offers a comprehensive exploration of various destinations across Uttarakhand.
 - The train's boarding and deboarding stations include Pune, Lonavala, Panvel, Kalyan, Nashik, Jalgaon, Bhusawal, Khandwa, Itarasi, and Rani Kamlapati, ensuring accessibility for travelers from different regions.
 - Some of the highlights of the tour include visits to Champawat/Lohaghat to explore Baleshwar, Tea Gardens, and Mayawati Ashram, paying homage at Nanda Devi & Kainchi Dham - Baba Neem Karoli Temple, and seeking blessings at Nanakmatta Gurudwara - Khatima & Naina Devi - Nainital.
 - Additionally, participants will have the chance to discover the spiritual aura of Jageshwar
 Dham & Golu Devta Chitai and visit Haat Kalika Temple & Patal Bhuvneshwar.