

## **Madhay National Park**

- Location: Madhav National Park is situated in Shivpuri District, Madhya Pradesh.
- It is a part of the upper **Vindhyan hills.**
- **History:** The Park was the hunting ground of Mughal emperors and Maharaja of Gwalior. It got the status of a National Park in 1959.
- **Ecosystem:** It has a **diverse ecosystem** consisting of lakes, dry deciduous & dry thorn forests.
  - The forest is home to tigers, leopards, Nilgai, and Chinkara (Gazella bennettii) and Chousingha (Tetracerus quadricornis) and Deers (Chital, Sambar and Barking Deer) among others.
- **Tiger Corridor:** The Park falls within one of the **32 major Tiger Corridors** of the country, which are operationalised through the **Tiger Conservation Plan**. Tiger Conservation Plan is implemented under the **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972**.
  - Madhav National Park is a part of the Ranthambhore-Kuno-Madhav (Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan) Tiger Corridor of Central India & Eastern Ghats landscape.
  - India's tiger landscapes are: Shivalik Hills and Gangetic Plains, Central Indian Landscape and Eastern Ghats, Western Ghats, and North-East.
- Conservation Issues: The Park is currently facing displacement and rehabilitation issues as it
  is home to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG)s like Saharia.
  - PVTGs have some basic characteristics they are mostly homogenous, with a small population, relatively physically isolated, absence of written language, relatively simple technology and a slower rate of change etc.
- Other National Parks in Madhya Pradesh: Bandhavgarh, Kanha NP, Pench (Priyadarshini) NP, Panna NP, Mandla Plant Fossils NP, Sanjay NP, Satpura NP, Van Vihar NP

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