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Asola Wildlife Sanctuary

Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) has declared an area of 1km around the Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary in Gurugram and Faridabad as <u>Eco-sensitive zone</u>.

 Activities such as commercial mining, setting up of industries, and establishment of major hydroelectric projects will be prohibited.

Why Eco Sensitive zone tag to Asola Wildlife sanctuary?

- The Asola wildlife sanctuary has both floral and faunal diversity in form of
 - Wide variety of trees, shrubs, herbs and grasses.
 - Large number of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, butterflies and dragonflies.
- Sanctuary comprises of Around 200 species of resident and migratory birds.
- Wildlife habitats inside the sanctuary act as water recharge zone for Delhi, Faridabad and Gurugram.

Regulated Activities

- Hotels and resorts: will not be allowed within 1 km of the boundary of the protected area or up to the extent of the Eco-Sensitive Zone, whichever is nearer.
- Construction: only "Small temporary structures" for eco-tourism activities.
- Small scale non polluting industries
- Felling of trees
- Civic infrastructure

Banned Activities

- Commercial mining
- Stone quarrying
- Industrial and polluting industries
- Saw mills brick kilns

Allowed Activities

- Rain water harvesting
- Organic farming
- Cottage industries
- Agroforestry

Asola-Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary is spread over 32.7 square kilometers, and is at the end of important wildlife corridor that starts from Sariska National Park in Alwar, Rajasthan and passes through Mewat, Faridabad and Gurugram districts of Haryana.

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