

## **Anamalai Tiger Reserve**

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The pre-monsoon (summer) estimation of **tigers**, **co-predators**, **prey**, and their **habitats** has begun in the **Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR)**, Tamil Nadu.

- About ATR: It was declared as a Tiger reserve in the year 2007 and is located in the Anamalai Hills of the Western Ghats in Tamil Nadu.
  - It is also known as the **Indira Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary and National Park**, named to honour the former Prime Minister of India **Indira Gandhi**.
- Geographical Surroundings: It is surrounded by <u>Parambikulum Tiger Reserve(PTR)</u> on the East, <u>Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary</u> and <u>Eravikulum National Park</u> on the South Western side.
  - The reserve is also surrounded by Nenmara, Vazhachal, Malayattur and Marayur reserved forests of Kerala.



- UNESCO World Heritage Site: The Kariyan shola, Grass hills and Manjampatti of Anamalai
  Tiger Reserve has been identified as a world heritage site by UNESCO.
- Indigenous Communities: It is home to several indigenous tribal communities such as

- the Kadars, Muduvars, Malasars, Malai malasars, Eravalars and Pulayars.
- Vegetation: The reserve includes evergreen, deciduous, and shola forests, along with Montane Grasslands, Savannahs, and Marshy Grasslands.
- Fauna: It is home to key wildlife such as the Tiger, Asiatic elephant, Sambar, Spotted deer, Barking deer, Jackal, Leopard, and Jungle cat, among others.

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