



Ahaetulla Longirostris Snake

Why in News?

A rare snake, **Ahaetulla longirostris (long-snouted vine snake)**, was discovered in [Dudhwa Tiger Reserve](#) in Uttar Pradesh .



Key Points

- **About the snake:**
 - It was discovered during a rhino shifting operation in the Palia division of Dudhwa Tiger Reserve.
 - Earlier this snake was found only in the forests of [Valmiki Tiger Reserve](#) in West Champaran, Bihar.
- **Features:**
 - Its body is **long, slender, and green or brown in color**, which distinguishes it from other snakes.
 - Its **long nose (rostral)** is also a major identification mark.
 - It mainly lives on trees and can easily hide among the branches and leaves.
 - It is mildly **poisonous**, its poison is not very dangerous for humans.
 - Family: **Colubridae**

Dudhwa Tiger Reserve

- It represents the best natural forests and grasslands in the Terai region of Uttar Pradesh, **located on the Indo-Nepal border in the Lakhimpur-Kheri district** of Uttar Pradesh.
- The reserve is known for its rich biodiversity, home to a wide variety of flora and fauna including the **Bengal tiger, Indian rhinoceros, swamp deer, leopard and several species of birds.**
- The **Terai Arc Landscape (TAL)** includes three important protected areas:
 - Dudhwa National Park
 - Kishanpur Wildlife Sanctuary
 - Katarnia Ghat Wildlife Sanctuary
- The three protected areas have been combined as Dudhwa Tiger Reserve under Project Tiger, being the last viable home of the Royal Bengal Tiger in the state.

- Dudhwa National Park and **Kishanpur Wildlife Sanctuary** were included in the Dudhwa Tiger Reserve in the year 1987 and Katarnia Wildlife Sanctuary was included in the year 2000.

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