



Madhav National Park

Why in News?

[Madhav National Park](#) is going to become the 9th [Tiger Reserve](#) of the state, which will increase the wildlife prosperity in **the Chambal region**.

Key Points

- **Important steps towards tiger conservation:**
 - **The Madhav Tiger Reserve** is part of a long-term plan to expand to an area of **1,600 sq km** within five years .
 - **A tiger safari spread over an area of 100 hectares** has also been planned, with an infrastructure investment of Rs 20 crore, which is expected to boost [ecotourism](#) and [the local economy](#).
 - At present, there are **8 major tiger reserves in the state** ([Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Pench, Panna, Satpura, Sanjay Dubri, Ratapani and Nauradehi Tiger Reserve](#)).
 - [Ratapani](#) is the **eighth tiger reserve** .
 - In [Kuno National Park](#), a female cheetah has given birth to two cubs.
 - **Madhya Pradesh** has the **highest number of tigers** in India (**785 as per the 2022 census**).

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- **About:**
 - **Madhav National Park is a part of the Upper [Vindhya Hills](#)** located in the **Shivpuri district** of Madhya Pradesh .
 - This park was the hunting ground of the Mughal emperors and the Maharajas of Gwalior. It got the status of a national park in the year 1959.
- **Ecosystem:**
 - The area is blessed with diverse ecosystems, including lakes, dry deciduous forests and thorn forests. It is home to tiger, leopard, nilgai, chinkara, chowsingha and various kinds of deer.
- **Tiger Corridor:**
 - The park **falls within one of the 32 major tiger corridors in the country, which are managed through the Tiger Conservation Plan**. The Tiger Conservation Plan is implemented under [the Wildlife \(Protection\) Act, 1972](#) .

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