



Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary

Why in News?

In Madhya Pradesh, **Indian wolves** will be fitted with [radio collars](#), which will help in **researching their habitat, diet and behaviour**.

Key Points

- **About**
 - Three wolves from different packs in the Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary will be fitted with radio collars once permission is received from [the National Tiger Conservation Authority](#).
 - For this, a two-year study was started by [the State Forest Research Institute](#), Jabalpur in February 2024 .
- **Objective:**
 - The aim of this research is to know about the life of wolves, their food, habitat, daily routine and co-existence with animals like [tigers](#) and [leopards](#).
- **Status of wolves in Madhya Pradesh:**
 - **In 2022**, wolves were counted across the country, in which **Madhya Pradesh ranked first with the highest number of wolves**.
 - According to the census, there were a **total of 3170 wolves in India**, out of which 20% i.e. 772 wolves were found in Madhya Pradesh alone.
- **Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary:**
 - Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary is **the largest wildlife sanctuary** in Madhya Pradesh .
 - This sanctuary is spread over an area of about 1197 square km in three districts of Madhya Pradesh, Sagar, Damoh and Narsinghpur.
 - This protected area **is located on the banks of two major river basins of India, [the Narmada](#) and [the Ganges](#) .**
 - It is the natural habitat of the Indian wolf (*Canis lupus pallipes*), a subspecies of the grey wolf.
 - In the year 1975, it was given the status of the state's largest sanctuary for the conservation of wolves.
 - Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary **is also considered a suitable area for [cheetahs](#)** , hence it was given the status of Tiger Reserve a year ago.

National Tiger Conservation Authority

- The **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)** is a statutory body under the **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change** .
- It was **established in the year 2006** by amending the provisions of [the Wildlife \(Protection\) Act, 1972](#). The first meeting of the Authority was held in November 2006.
- It is the result of the efforts of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) that there has been a significant increase in the number of endangered tigers in the country.

