



Palamu Tiger Reserve

Why in News?

Authorities have successfully relocated **Jaigir**, the first village inside the [Palamu Tiger Reserve \(PTR\)](#), entirely outside its core area. This relocation **reduces biotic pressure on the wild habitat** and creates a **human-free space for [wild animals](#)** to thrive.

Key Points

- **First Fully Relocated Village in PTR:**
 - Jaigir village has been relocated to a 75-acre site near Polpol, just outside the reserve's core area, with improved infrastructure and transport access.
 - The **original site** of Jaigir will be **developed into a grassland to attract [herbivores](#)**, which in turn could **support tiger conservation** by enriching the prey base.
 - Authorities have identified **eight more villages** within the core area **for future relocation**.
- **Compensation Strategy:**
 - As families had multiple claimants, authorities gave land to one member per household and compensated others with Rs 15 lakh.
 - While permanent homes are being built, the forest department has provided temporary housing.

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Palamu Tiger Reserve (PTR)

- **Palamu Tiger Reserve** was **established in 1974** under [Project Tiger](#).
- It is the **first such sanctuary** in the world, where **tiger census was done on the basis of footprint count**.
- '**Betla National Park**' is situated in 226.32 sq km within the Palamu Tiger Reserve, spread over a total area of 1130 sq km in **Latehar district of Jharkhand**.

