



Chhattisgarh's Tiger Population Doubles in 3 Years

Why in News?

Chhattisgarh's tiger population has significantly increased, **doubling from 17 in 2022 to 35** by April 2025, highlighting the state's successful wildlife conservation efforts.

- This growth was highlighted at the 15th meeting of the Chhattisgarh [State Wildlife Welfare Board](#), chaired by Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai.

WILDLIFE PROTECTION: BOARD READY FOR ACTION

Special measures are also being taken for the state bird, the Hill Myna, including a "Myna Mitra" volunteer group to monitor its habitat

Chhattisgarh is rich in forest wealth & wildlife. Conservation and promotion of biodiversity is our priority. This increase in tiger numbers is evidence of our efforts, and now we must extend similar focus to other species. Neemgaon in Jashpur, known for attracting migratory birds, as a potential conservation site could also boost tourism and employment

— CM Vishnu Deo Sai

NTCA has approved translocation of tigers from MP to Udanti-Sitanadi and Guru Ghasidas Tamor Pingla reserves

Facilities in tiger reserves and Kanger Valley National Park are being expanded to attract more visitors

Several Proposals Approved By Wildlife Board Include

- Construction of patrolling routes
- Rationalizing protected areas
- Road project from Dhawalpur to Kukrar in Udanti-Sitanadi
- Pipeline extension under Mission Amrit Yojana
- Laying of optical fiber cables in Kabirdham forests

Key Points

- **About:** [Achanakmar Tiger Reserve](#) hosts the highest tiger population at 18, followed by [Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla \(GGTP\) Tiger Reserve](#) with 7, [Indravati Tiger Reserve](#) with 6, [Bhoramdeo Wildlife Sanctuary](#) with 3, and [Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve](#) with 1.
 - The GGTP, declared **India's 56th tiger reserve** in 2024, is now the **third-largest** in the country, after [Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve](#) in Andhra Pradesh and [Manas Tiger Reserve](#) in Assam.
- **Translocation Plan:** Chhattisgarh has received approval from the **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)** to translocate tigers from Madhya Pradesh to the **Udanti-Sitanadi and Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserves**.
 - A total of five tigers, including two females and one male tiger for Udanti-Sitanadi and three males for Guru Ghasidas, will be relocated.
- **Tiger Conservation Plan (TCP):** The state has nearly finalized a **comprehensive Tiger Conservation Plan (TCP)** aimed at addressing challenges related to **habitat management** and boosting tourism in the tiger reserves.
 - This plan also focuses on enhancing facilities in the [Kanger Valley National Park](#) to increase tourist footfall and provide livelihood opportunities for local communities.

TIGER

Royal Bengal Tiger (*Panthera Tigris*) is the National animal of India.

Subspecies of Tiger

- * The continental (*Panthera tigris tigris*)
- * The Sunda (*Panthera tigris sondaica*)

Habitat

Tropical rainforests, evergreen forests, temperate forests, mangrove swamps, grasslands, and savannas

Countries Where Tiger Population Is Found

- Found only in **13 Tiger Range countries**- India, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Russia, China, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam
- As per the latest report by IUCN, tiger has gone extinct in Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam

Protection Status

- IUCN Red List: Endangered
- CITES: Appendix I
- WPA 1972: Schedule I

Conservation Efforts

- International Big Cats Alliance (IBCA)**: For conservation of seven big cats namely Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar and Puma (launched by India)
- Tx2 campaign**: Launched by WWF; stands for 'Tiger times 2' signaling the goal to double the tiger population by 2022
- National Tiger Conservation authority (NTCA)**: Constituted under the WPA, 1972
- Project Tiger**: Launched in 1973
- Tiger Census**: Every 4 years

Threats

- Habitat loss
- Poaching and illegal trade
- Human-Wildlife conflict

Tigers In India

- India has the **largest** population
 - As of 2022, India has 3167 tigers
 - Largest population has been found in Central Indian Highlands & Eastern Ghats Landscape
- Tiger Reserves**: India now has 53 tiger reserves
 - Ranipur in UP** is the latest
 - Nagarjun Sagar** (Andhra Pradesh) is the **largest** while Orang (Assam) is the **smallest** (Core area)