



# Bhoramdev Wildlife Sanctuary

## Why in News?

In the Kawardha range of **Bhoramdev Wildlife Sanctuary**, bear attacked victims while they were collecting [tendu leaves](#).

## Key Points

### ▪ Bhoramdev Wildlife Sanctuary:

#### ◦ About:

- Bhoramdev Wildlife Sanctuary is located in **Kabirdham district, Chhattisgarh**.
- It lies within the [Maikal range of the Satpura hills](#), known for its rich biodiversity and undisturbed ecosystem.
- The sanctuary spreads across an area of approximately 352 sq.km.

#### ◦ Cultural Significance:

- Named after the **ancient [Bhoramdeo Temple](#)**, located nearby and over 1,000 years old.
- The temple is **dedicated to Lord Shiva** and is popularly referred to as the "**Khajuraho of Chhattisgarh**" due to its intricate sculptures.

#### ◦ Ecological Importance:

- Bhoramdev is part of the **Kanha-Achanakmar Wildlife Corridor**, linking [Kanha National Park](#) (Madhya Pradesh) with [Achanakmar Wildlife Sanctuary](#) (Chhattisgarh).
- The terrain includes undulating hills, dense forests, and seasonal streams.

#### ◦ Water Bodies:

- The sanctuary is the origin point of the **Fen and Sankari rivers**, which sustain its forest ecosystem.

#### ◦ Vegetation:

- Hosts a mix of **tropical moist and dry deciduous forests**.
- Common trees include Saaj (*Terminalia tomentosa*), [Sal](#) (*Shorea robusta*), [Tendu](#) (*Diospyros melanoxylon*), and Nilgiri (*Eucalyptus*).

#### ◦ Wildlife:

- Inhabited by a diverse range of fauna such as [Tigers](#), [Leopards](#), [Sloth bears](#), **various deer species and birdlife**.

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## Kanha National Park

- **Location:**
  - It stretches over an area of 940 square km in the **two districts - Mandla and Balaghat - of Madhya Pradesh.**
- **History:**
  - The present-day Kanha area was divided into **two sanctuaries, Hallon and Banjar.**
  - It was **created in 1955** and in **1973 was made the Kanha Tiger Reserve.**
  - Kanha National Park is the **largest National Park in Central India.**
- **Features:**
  - **Fauna:**
    - The **State animal of Madhya Pradesh - Hard Ground Barasingha (Swamp deer or Rucervus duvaucelii)** is found exclusively in Kanha Tiger Reserve.
    - Other Species found include [Tiger](#), [Leopard](#), Dhole, Bear, [Gaur](#) and Indian Python etc.
  - **Flora:**
    - It is best known for its evergreen **Sal forests (*Shorea Robusta*).**
    - It is the **first tiger reserve in India to officially introduce a mascot, "Bhoorsingh the Barasingha".**

## Achanakmar Tiger Reserve

- **About:**
  - It is situated in **Bilaspur district** of Chhattisgarh. **Established in 1975** and was **declared a tiger reserve in 2009.**
  - It is **part of the huge Achanakmar-Amarkantak Biosphere Reserve.**
  - It has a **corridor connecting [Kanha](#) and [Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve](#)** and plays a critical role in the dispersal of tigers among these reserves.
- **River:**
  - The **Maniyari River** flows right from the centre of this reserve, which is the forest's lifeline.
- **Tribe:**
  - It is home to the Baigas, a forest-dwelling tribal community classified as a **["Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group \(PVTG\)"](#).**
  - In 626 hectares of the core area of the reserve, there are 25 forest villages, with approximately 75% of the population belonging to the **[Baiga tribe](#).**
- **Vegetation:**
  - **Tropical moist deciduous vegetation** covers the majority of the area.
- **Flora:**
  - **Sal, bija, saja, haldu, teak, tinsa, dhawara, lendia, khamar, and bamboo bloom** along with other 600 species of medicinal plants.
- **Fauna:**
  - It includes the [tiger](#), [leopard](#), [bison](#), [flying squirrel](#), [Indian giant squirrel](#), [chinkara](#), [wild dog](#), [hyena](#), [sambar](#), [chital](#), and over 150 species of birds.

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