



Dudhwa Tiger Reserve

Why in News?

A **6-7 month-old male leopard cub** died during treatment at **Dudhwa Tiger Reserve**, Lakhimpur Kheri (UP), due to an **undiagnosed neurological disorder**.

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- **About:** **Dudhwa Tiger Reserve (DTR)** is located in the **Terai region of Uttar Pradesh**. It was established as a **Tiger Reserve in 1988** under [Project Tiger](#).
- **Constituent Areas:** The reserve comprises [Dudhwa National Park](#), **Kishanpur Wildlife Sanctuary**, and **Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary**.
 - It includes a mix of **Sal woodlands**, **marshy grasslands**, **dry riverine grasslands**, and [oxbow lakes](#).
- **Geographical Features:** The reserve is bounded by the **Mohana River** to the north and the **Sharda River** to the south, with the **Gerwa River** flowing through **Katarniaghat**.
- **Biodiversity:** DTR is a **biodiversity hotspot** with interlinked **food chains** and **food webs**.
 - **Fauna:** [Bengal Tiger](#), [Indian Rhinoceros](#), **Swamp Deer**, [Leopard](#), and numerous **bird species**.
 - In the [All-India Tiger Census 2022](#), DTR ranked **4th in the country**, with about **135 tigers** and **180 butterfly species**.
 - **Flora:** Dominated by **Sal (Shorea robusta)** forests, with **marshy wetlands**, **grasslands**, and **riverine vegetation**.

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