

25th Wildlife Sanctuary of Madhya Pradesh

Why in News?

The Madhya Pradesh government has announced a new wildlife sanctuary in Sagar district, named Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Sanctuary.

Key Points

- About the Sanctuary:
 - Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Sanctuary will be spread over 258.64 sq km reserved forest area of North Sagar Forest Division, Tehsil Banda and Shahgarh Forest of Sagar district
 - This sanctuary is dedicated to <u>Baba Saheb Dr. Ambedkar</u>. With this, addition there are
 25 wildlife sanctuaries in the state.
- Importance:
 - Declaring this area as a sanctuary will ensure the safety and protection of the wildlife living here like <u>leopard</u>, <u>jackal</u>, <u>chital</u>, <u>nilgai</u> etc.
 - <u>Illegal hunting</u> and <u>deforestation</u> will be controlled.
 - Biodiversity will increase.
 - New opportunities for **natural tourism will open up** in the state .
- Major wildlife sanctuaries of the state:

Sanctuary	District / Location	Sanctuary	District / Location
Bagdara	Singrauli	Ratapani	Obedullaganj
Pachmarhi	Hoshangabad	Ken Gharial	Panna
Bori	Hoshangabad	Sailana	Ratlam
Panpatha	Umaria	Kheoni	Dewas
Gandhi Sagar	Mandsaur	Sardarpur	Dhar
Pench (Mowgli)	Seoni	Narsinghgarh	Rajgarh
Gangau	Panna	Sanjay (Dubri)	Sidhi
Phen	Mandla	Chambal	(Interstate Border Area)
Ghatigaon	Gwalior	Singhori	Obedullaganj
Ralamandal	Indore	Nauradehi	Sagar
Karmajhiri	Seoni	Son Gharial	Sidhi
Veerangana Durgavati	Damoh	Orchha	Tikamgarh

