



# Ranthambore Tiger Reserve

## Why in News?

On 16 April, 2025, a seven-year-old boy died in a [tiger attack](#) near the Trinetra Ganesh temple in [Ranthambore Tiger Reserve](#), Rajasthan .

## Key Points

### ▪ About Ranthambore Tiger Reserve :

- Ranthambore Tiger Reserve is located at the confluence of [the Aravalli](#) and [Vindhya mountain ranges](#) in Karauli and Sawai Madhopur districts in the eastern part of the state of Rajasthan.
- It includes Ranthambore National Park as well as **Sawai Mansingh and Kailadevi sanctuaries**.
- The Ranthambore Fort, after which the forest is named, is said to have a history of over 1000 years. It is strategically located on a 700 feet high hill within the park.
  - It was constructed by a Chauhan ruler in 944 AD.
- This isolated tiger-infested area **represents the northwestern limit of the distribution range of the [Bengal tiger](#) and is an outstanding example of [Project Tiger's](#) conservation efforts in the country.**

### ▪ Features:

- The reserve consists of highly fragmented forest areas, ravines, river channels and agricultural lands.
- It is **connected to the Kuno-Palpur landscape of Madhya Pradesh** through parts of the Kailadevi Wildlife Sanctuary, the ravine habitats of the Chambal and the forest areas of Sheopur .
- **The tributaries of the [Chambal River](#)** provide an easy route for the tigers to move towards [Kuno National Park](#).

### ▪ Flora and Wildlife:

- **Vegetation** includes grasslands on the plateaus and dense forests along the seasonal rivers.
  - The forest is predominantly **tropical dry deciduous** , with the most common tree species being '**Dhak**' (**Butea monosperma**) , **which is able to withstand long periods of drought.**
  - **This tree is also called 'forest fire'** and is one of the many flowering plants that add colour to the dry summers here.
- The park is rich in **wildlife** , with tigers being at the top of the food chain among mammals.
- Other animals found here include [leopard](#) , striped hyena, common or Hanuman langur, **rhesus macaque** , jackal, jungle cats, **caracal**, [blackbuck](#), blacknaped hare and chinkara etc.

# 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)

