

# **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**

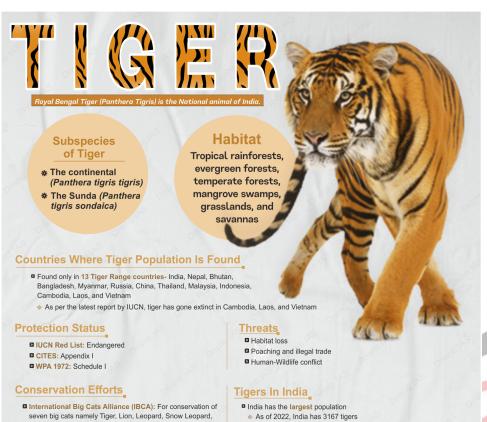
- About Ranthambore Tiger Reserve :
  - Ranthambore Tiger Reserve is located at the confluence of <u>the Aravalli</u> and <u>Vindhya</u> <u>mountain ranges</u> in Karauli and Sawai Madhopur districts in the eastern part of the state of Rajasthan.
  - It includes Ranthambore National Park as well as Sawai 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 <u>Bengal tiger</u> and is an outstanding example of <u>Project Tiger's</u> 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 Sheonur
- The tributaries of the <u>Chambal River</u> provide an easy route for the tigers to move towards <u>Kuno National Park</u>.

#### 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 <u>leopard</u>, striped hyena, common or Hanuman langur, **rhesus macaque**, jackal, jungle cats, **caracal**, <u>blackbuck</u>, blacknaped hare and chinkara etc.



- 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

- 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)



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