



World's Largest Tiger Census | Madhya Pradesh | 27 Sep 2025

Why in News?

Preparations for the **All-India Tiger Estimation (AITE) 2026** have officially started in central India, with a regional training workshop held at [Pench Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh](#), marking the launch of the survey.

- The **2022 census** reported India's tiger population at a minimum of 3,167, constituting over **70% of the global wild tiger population**.

Key Points

- **Organisation:** The workshop was a collaborative effort between the [National Tiger Conservation Authority \(NTCA\)](#) and the [Wildlife Institute of India \(WII\)](#).
- **Scope:** The survey will **cover tiger habitats across India**, using standardised protocols to ensure reliable and robust estimates of the country's big cat population.
 - The workshop brought together 150 forest officials and field staff from multiple states, including Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh.
 - The sessions trained various officials, including field directors, divisional forest officers, and range officers, on standardised tiger survey methods.
- **Technological Integration:** Training included protocols for **tiger monitoring, co-predator and prey assessments**, and habitat evaluation. Participants received training on using advanced tools like the **STripES App**, GPS devices, compasses, map reading, binoculars, and scat-based **genetic sampling protocols**.
- **Methodologies:** Participants were familiarised with methods for **herbivore counts, vegetation and habitat assessment**, and disturbance studies, emphasising the link between herbivore distribution and carnivore presence.

Tiger Census in India

- The national tiger census is **done every four years** by the **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)** in partnership with state forest departments, conservation NGOs, and the **Wildlife Institute of India (WII)**.
- The census uses a **double sampling method** based on ground-based surveys and images from camera-traps.

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

Threats

- ❑ Habitat loss
- ❑ Poaching and illegal trade
- ❑ Human-Wildlife conflict

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

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 58 tiger reserves

6th Nadi Utsav | National Current Affairs | 27 Sep 2025

Why in the News?

Union Minister for Jal Shakti, **Shri C. R. Patil**, inaugurated the **6th Nadi Utsav**, stressing the collective

responsibility of citizens to **protect and conserve rivers**.

- He emphasised the **Namami Gange project**, which focuses on maintaining river cleanliness, preventing encroachments, and preserving sacred rivers that hold religious and cultural value.



Key Points

- **Objective:** The Nadi Utsav, organised by the **Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA)** under the **Ministry of Culture**, highlighted the importance of rivers as essential lifelines and cultural reservoirs.
 - The festival brought together various aspects of rivers, including **ecological, cultural, and artistic perspectives**, fostering a deeper understanding of their significance.
- **Event Duration:** The event took place from 25th to 27th September 2025 in Delhi, offering an extensive program that included seminars, film screenings, performances, and exhibitions.
- **Seminar:** The seminar titled **Riverscape Dynamics: Changes and Continuity** delved into traditional riverine knowledge, river gods and folk narratives, and the role of rivers in art, craft practices, and science.
- **My River Story:** This festival segment showcased documentaries focusing on ecological issues and human connections to rivers. Featured films include *Gotakhors: Disappearing Diving Communities*, *River Man of India*, *Arth Ganga*, *Molai – Man Behind the Forest*, *Cauvery – River of Life*, and *Ladakh – Life along the Indus*.
- **Nadi Anubhav:** Curated by Anuj Agarwal, this exhibition features contemporary artworks, **Kalighat paintings**, photographs, and poetry, all centred around rivers, blending artistic imagination with ecological awareness.