



Papikonda National Park

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Why in News

The Forest Department and experts from Kerala and northeastern States will begin the maiden survey of butterfly species in the Papikonda National Park (PNP).

- The PNP spreads over 1012.86 square kilometres in **East and West Godavari districts of Andhra Pradesh**.
- It has historically experienced varying levels of protection, beginning as a reserved forest in 1882, a wildlife sanctuary in 1978, and as a **national park from 2008**.
- The park lies on the left and right banks of the river Godavari and cuts through the **Papikonda hill range of Eastern Ghats. The River Godavari enriches the Papikonda Park with its natural beauty**.
- The majority of the area of the park is covered with moist **deciduous forest** and include animal species such as tigers, mouse deer, gaur etc.

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