



Sitanadi Tiger Reserve

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Why in News

On August 9, 2021, **Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel** handed over community forest resource rights to five villages in the **core areas** of **Sitanadi Udanti Tiger Reserve** in Gariaband district on the occasion of **World Tribal Day**.

Key Points

- In a virtual program, the Chief Minister has entrusted the rights of community forest resources to the forest rights committees of these five villages of Gariaband district.
- After recognizing community forest resource rights to these villages in the core areas of Sitanadi Udanti Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh has joined the states where this **right has been given in the core area of the Tiger Reserve**.
- This is the first time in the state that community forest resource rights have been given in the core area of the Tiger Reserve. This right was given to village Karka in the buffer area of Sitanadi last year.
- The five villages settled in the core areas of Sitanadi Udanti Tiger Reserve, which have been given this right, include village Masulkhoi (975.58 hectare), village Karhi (984.92 hectare), village Joratarai (551.42 hectare), village Baroli (1389.61 hectare) and village Bahigaon. (1651.72 hectares).