



New Tiger Reserve: Chhattisgarh

Why in News

Recently, the [National Tiger Conservation Authority \(NTCA\)](#) has designated the combined areas of the **Guru Ghasidas National Park** and **Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary** as a **Tiger Reserve**.

- NTCA is a statutory body under the **Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change**, established in 2005 for strengthening tiger conservation.
- This will be the 53rd Tiger Reserve in India. [Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary \(Rajasthan\)](#) is the 52nd Tiger Reserve in India.

Key Points

▪ About:

- It is located in the **northern part of Chhattisgarh**, bordering Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand.
- Approval was granted under Section 38V(1) of the [Wildlife \(Protection\) Act, 1972](#).
- This will be the **fourth Tiger Reserve in Chhattisgarh**, after the [Udanti-Sitanadi](#), [Achanakmar](#) and **Indravati Reserves**.

▪ Significance:

- Guru Ghasidas National Park was the last known habitat of the [Asiatic cheetah](#) in the country.
- It connects Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh and provides a corridor for tigers to move between the [Bandhavgarh](#) (Madhya Pradesh) and **Palamau Tiger Reserves** (Jharkhand).

▪ Guru Ghasidas National Park:

◦ About:

- Named after **the Satnami reformist hero** of the place, **Guru Ghasidas**, is the result of the carving of Chhattisgarh from Madhya Pradesh in the year of 2000. It is located in the Koriya district of Chhattisgarh.
- The park has **undulating topography** and it falls under the **Tropical climate zone**.

◦ Biodiversity:

- **Flora:** The vegetation consists mainly of mixed deciduous forest with teak, sal and bamboo trees.
- **Fauna:** [Tiger](#), [Leopard](#), Chital, Nilgai, [Chinkara](#), [Jackal](#), Sambar, Four-horned Antelope etc.

▪ Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary:

◦ About:

- It is **located in the Surajpur district of Chhattisgarh** bordering Uttar Pradesh. It is named after **Tamor hill and Pingla Nalla**.

- Tamor hill and Pingla Nalla are considered to be the old and prominent features of the sanctuary area.
- **Biodiversity:**
 - **Flora:** **Mixed deciduous forests dominate the sanctuary.** Sal and bamboo forests are seen all through.
 - **Fauna:** Tigers, Elephants, leopards, bears, sambar deer, blue bulls, chital, bison and many such animals are found here.

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