

# **New Tiger Reserve: Chhattisgarh**

# Why in News

Recently, the <u>National Tiger Conservation Authority</u> (NTCA) has designated the combined areas of the **Guru Ghasidas National Park** and **Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary** as a <u>Tiger Reserve.</u>

- 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 53<sup>rd</sup> Tiger Reserve in India. Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary (Rajasthan) is the 52<sup>nd</sup> 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 <u>Udanti-Sitanadi</u>, <u>Achanakmar</u> and **Indravati Reserves**.

#### Significance:

- Guru Ghasidas National Park was the last known habitat of the <u>Asiatic cheetah</u> in the country.
- It connects Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh and provides a corridor for tigers to move between the <u>Bandhavgarh</u> (Madhya Pradesh) and <u>Palamau Tiger Reserves</u> (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: <u>Tiger</u>, <u>Leopard</u>, Chital, Nilgai, <u>Chinkara</u>, <u>Jackal</u>, Sambar, Four-horned Antelope etc.

### Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary:

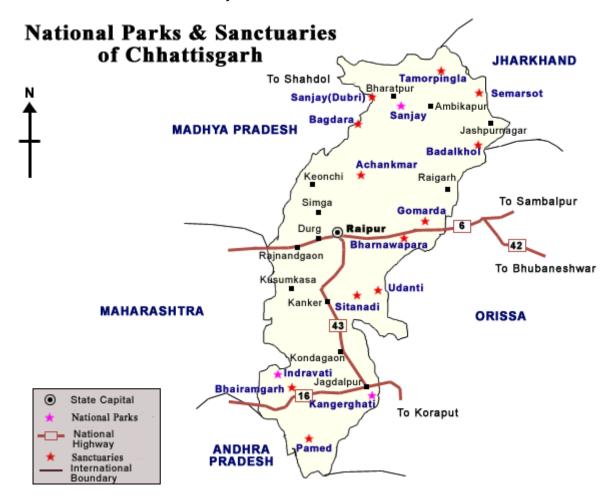
#### About:

• 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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