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## **Centre approves Terai elephant sanctuary | Uttar Pradesh | 25 Oct 2022**

### **Why in news?**

- According to the information given by the Uttar Pradesh Forest Department on October 23, 2022, the Union Ministry of Forest and Environment has given its approval to the Terai Elephant Reserve (TER), which covers 3,049 sq km including Dudhwa Tiger Reserve and Pilibhit Tiger Reserve located in Lakhimpur and Pilibhit districts. will be developed in the area.

### **Imp points**

- According to the UTTAR Pradesh forest department, the department had prepared the proposal in April and forwarded it to the Centre on October 11, 2022. After getting approval from the Union Ministry of Forest and Environment for TER, a notification will be issued by the state government soon.
  - With the terai elephant reserve coming into existence in Uttar Pradesh, Dudhwa Tiger Reserve will be the only national park in Uttar Pradesh that will protect and conserve four iconic wild animal species — Tiger, One-horned Rhinoceros, Asian Elephant and Swamp deer.
  - Apart from Dudhwa and Pilibhit Tiger Reserves, the elephant reserve will include Kishanpur Wildlife Sanctuary, Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary, Dudhwa buffer zone and parts of South Kheri forest division.
  - The establishment of the Terai Elephant Sanctuary will be a milestone in terms of wildlife conservation, especially for Asian elephants, as it is located on the Indo-Nepal border, where cross-border movement of elephants is a routine routine.
  - The Centre will provide all financial and technical assistance under project Elephant, which will help in handling human-elephant conflicts. The establishment of an elephant sanctuary at Dudhwa will help in adopting an elephant-centric approach towards their conservation.
  - Also, the financial and technical assistance received under Project Hathi will be used in managing the elephants present in dudhwa's camp and incidents of human-elephant conflict, which are currently dependent on the state, will be controlled more effectively.
  - The Dudhwa Tiger Reserve has attracted wild elephants through various domestic and cross-border corridors for decades, including Basanta-Dudhwa, Laljhari (Nepal)-Sathiyana and Shuklaphanta (Nepal)-Dhaka-Pilibhit-Dudhwa buffer zone corridors. The Terai Elephant Reserve under Project Elephant will help revive or restore these corridors, which have been defunct.
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## **Mediclaim to get cashless treatment in Uttar Pradesh's super specialty block | Uttar Pradesh | 25 Oct 2022**

### **Why in news?**

- On October 24, 2022, nodal officer, GSVM Super Specialty PGI, Uttar Pradesh, Dr Manish Singh said that patients will now get cashless treatment from mediclaim in super specialty blocks created in 6 medical colleges including GSVM PGI in the state. For this, the state government has also approved.

## **Imp points**

- Nodal Officer Dr Manish Singh said that the super specialty blocks will be run on the model of Maulana Azad Medical College New Delhi. For this, the blue print of Maulana Azad Medical College is also being studied.
- TPA blocks will also be created to treat mediclaim patients in super specialty blocks, so that patients do not have to run for mediclaim.
- It is known that the super specialty block has been built under the Prime Minister's Health Protection Scheme.
- Six medical colleges have been set up in Kanpur, Agra, Meerut, Prayagraj and Jhansi, Gorakhpur. GSVM super specialty GPI has been completed in Meerut, Kanpur and Gorakhpur and super specialty treatment of patients has also started here.
- Dr. Manish Singh said that so far everything in the state is being operated with the resources of medical colleges. But in the coming one month, they will be run as a society.
- It is known that till now these medical colleges were being prepared to run on the model of KGMU-SGPGI in the state, but now they will be run by the state government on maulana azad medical college model.
- The OPD of Neuro Surgery, Neurology, Gastro, Nepro has started in GSVM PGI and in a few days, the OPD of Gastro Surgery, Euro and indoor will also be started here.
- For the next five years, the maintenance work of PGI has been entrusted to the construction agency HIDES.