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## Ranipur Tiger Reserve | Uttar Pradesh | 01 Nov 2022

### Why In News?

- On October 31, 2022, Union Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav told through a tweet that another tiger reserve in Uttar Pradesh, Ranipur Tiger Reserve has become the 53rd tiger reserve in India.

### Key Points

- Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav has told that this reserve in Uttar Pradesh is located in Ranipur of Chitrakoot district, which covers an area of 529.36 sq.km. spread over the area. 230.32 sq. km. Core area and 299.05 sq.km. This tiger reserve with a buffer zone will strengthen the efforts of tiger conservation. Apart from this, about 300 sq.km. area is being added to it.
- This will also increase the number of tigers in the state, which will also boost eco-tourism in Bundelkhand region. There will be economic, social and cultural development of this region and apart from this, the natural environment will be better protected. This tiger reserve will also provide new employment opportunities to the local people in Bundelkhand.
- Ranipur Tiger Reserve located in Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh is located at a just 150 km distance from Panna Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh. Tiger, leopard, bear, sambar, spotted deer, chinkara and many birds and reptiles are found in this reserve.
- It is currently the fourth tiger reserve in Uttar Pradesh after Dudhwa, Pilibhit and Amangarh and the latest tiger census in India was done in 2018, according to which there are 2967 tigers in the country and 173 of them are in Uttar Pradesh.
- It is noteworthy that in the cabinet meeting chaired by the Chief Minister of the state Yogi Adityanath, approval was given to develop Ranipur Tiger Reserve last month. It was told in this meeting that due to waterlogging in Panna Tiger Reserve of Madhya Pradesh as a result of Ken-Betwa link project, the tigers here will come towards Chitrakoot, due to which the government is going to build a tiger reserve here.
- Bhupendra Yadav said that after the Ranipur Tiger Reserve was notified, it was part of the Project Tiger of the Government of India. Under this scheme, the central government will give 60 percent and the state government 40 percent in some items. In other items, the central and state governments will provide 50-50 percent of the funds.