

Restrictions on Pilgrims Visiting Ahobilam Shrine

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Recently, several restrictions have been imposed on visitors to the **Ahobilam Temple Complex**, which is located within the **Nagarjunasagar-Srisailam Tiger Reserve.**

- In response to the severe heatwave and to protect wildlife, restrictions are in place, including a ban on plastic items at Cheethal base camp, no overnight stays due to potential human-animal conflicts, and a prohibition on animal sacrifices at the shrine.
 - The nearby nallamala forest area is home to <u>red sanders</u>, **leopards and deer**. Tigers also inhabit the area.
- The **Ahobilam National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)**, constituted as per the provisions of the <u>Wild Life Protection Act</u>, <u>1972</u>, by the Ministry of Forests, Environment and Climate Change, oversees the rare flora and fauna specific to the Region.
 - The Ahobilam Temple Complex consists of 9 shrines to Lord Narisimha situated within the <u>Nallamala forest</u>. In addition to the nine shrines, there is a temple for Prahaladavarada Varadhan in the foothills of the mountain.

Read more: Nagarjunasagar-Srisailam Tiger Reserve

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