



Dholpur-Karauli: India's 54th Tiger Reserve

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Why in News?

[National Tiger Conservation Authority \(NTCA\)](#) has given its approval for the **establishment of the Dholpur-Karauli Tiger Reserve** in the state of Rajasthan.

- It has secured its position as the **fifth tiger reserve** in the state of Rajasthan following **Mukundra Hills, Ramgarh Vishdhari, Ranthambore, and Sariska**.

What are Tiger Reserves?

- A protected area designated for the conservation of the **striped big cats (tigers)** is referred to as **Tiger Reserve**. However, a **tiger reserve may also be a national park or wildlife sanctuary**.
 - For Example: The **Sariska Tiger Reserve** is also a [national park](#). It is so because the place was originally created as a national park and **later dedicated to tiger conservation**.
- Tiger Reserves are **notified by State Governments** as per provisions of **Section 38V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972** on advice of the National Tiger Conservation Authority.
 - Presently, India accommodates **a total of 54 Tiger Reserves** (with the most recent addition being the **Dholpur-Karauli Tiger Reserve**).

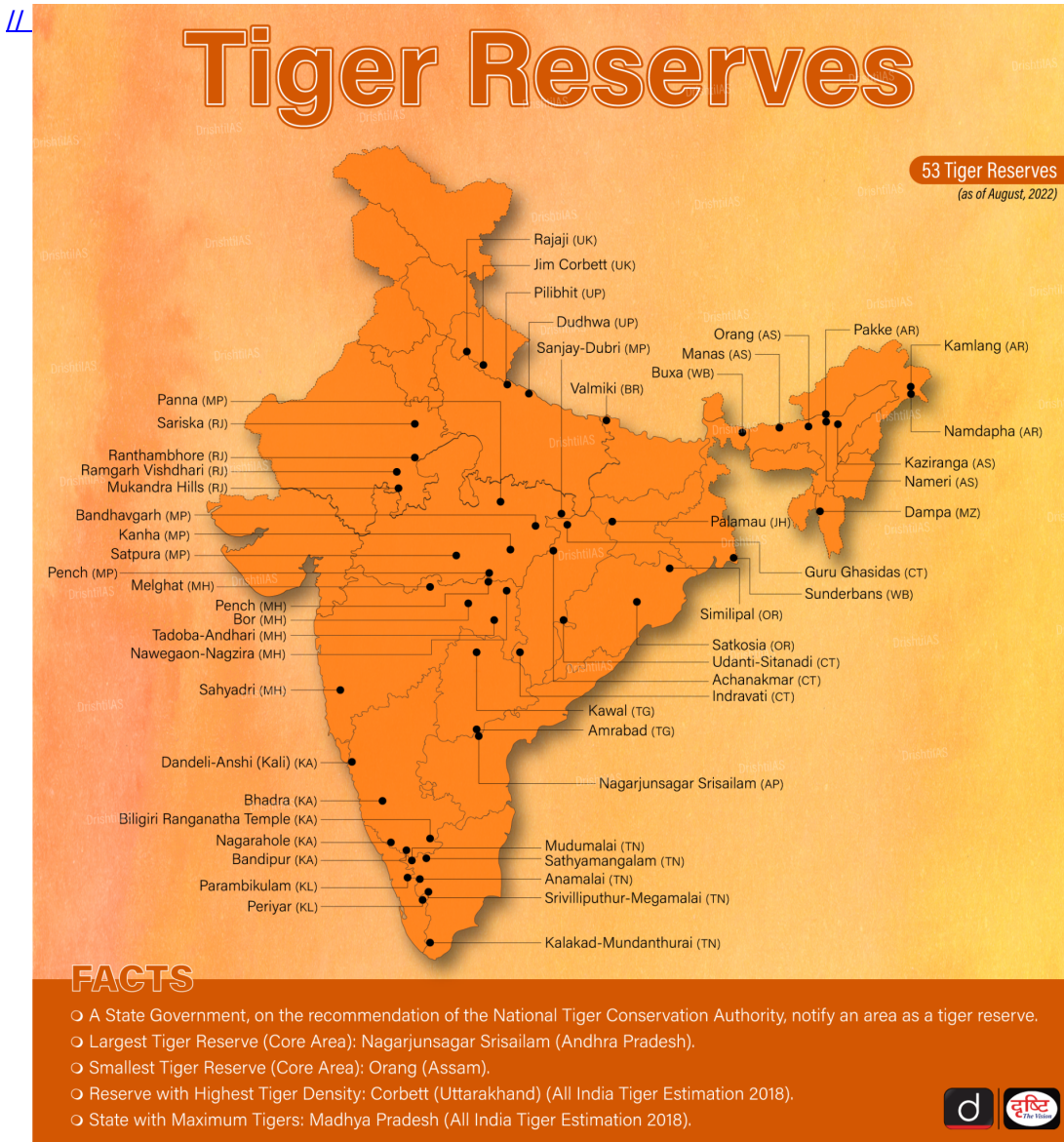
Note:

- India is home to **75% of the world's tiger population**. As per the latest report on the **Status of Tigers in India**, the tiger count in the country has surged to **3,167 as of 2022**.
- [Project Tiger](#) is an ongoing **centrally sponsored program** of the Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change that provides **government assistance to tiger states for tiger conservation in designated tiger reserves**

What is the National Tiger Conservation Authority?

- **About:**
 - The **NTCA is a statutory body under the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change** constituted under enabling provisions of the [Wildlife \(Protection\) Act, 1972](#), as amended in 2006, for strengthening tiger conservation.
- **Objectives:**
 - Providing **statutory authority to Project Tiger** so that compliance of its directives becomes legal.
 - Fostering **accountability of Center-State in management of Tiger Reserves**, by providing a basis for MoU with States within our federal structure.
 - Addressing **livelihood interests of local people in areas surrounding Tiger**

Reserves.



UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Question (PYQ)

Q1. Consider the following protected areas: (2012)

1. Bandipur
2. Bhitarkanika
3. Manas
4. Sunderbans

Which of the above are declared Tiger Reserves?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 1, 3 and 4 only
(c) 2, 3 and 4 only
(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans: (b)

Q2. From the ecological point of view, which one of the following assumes importance in being a good link between the Eastern Ghats and the Western Ghats? (2017)

- (a) Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve
- (b) Nallamala Forest
- (c) Nagarhole National Park
- (d) Seshachalam Biosphere Reserve

Ans: (a)

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