

# **Corbett Tiger Reserve: Uttarakhand**

## Why in News

Recently, the Delhi High Court has asked the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) to consider as representation a petition to stop the alleged illegal construction of bridges and walls within tiger breeding habitat of the **Corbett Tiger Reserve**.

### **National Tiger Conservation Authority**

- It is a statutory body under the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.
- It was established in 2005 following the recommendations of the Tiger Task Force.
- It was constituted under enabling provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, as amended in 2006, for strengthening tiger conservation, as per powers and functions assigned to it. The Vision

# **Key Points**

### About:

- It is located in Nainital district of Uttarakhand. The **Project Tiger** was launched in 1973 in Corbett National Park (first National Park of India), which is part of Corbett Tiger Reserve.
  - The national park was **established in 1936 as Hailey National Park** to protect the endangered Bengal tiger.
  - It is named after Jim Corbett who played a key role in its establishment.
- The core area forms the Corbett National Park while the buffer contains reserve forests as well as the Sonanadi Wildlife Sanctuary.
- The entire area of the reserve is mountainous and falls in the Shivalik and Outer Himalaya geological provinces.
- Ramganga, Sonanadi, Mandal, Palain and Kosi are the major rivers flowing through the Reserve.

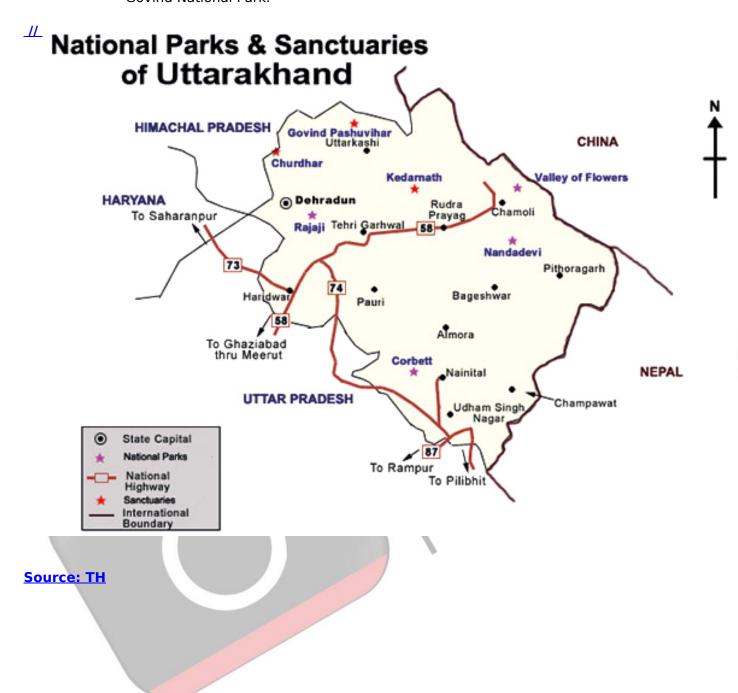
### Flora:

 According to the botanical survey of India, Corbett has 600 species of plants - trees, shrubs, ferns, grass, climbers, herbs and bamboos. Sal, Khair and Sissoo are the most visible trees found in Corbett.

### Fauna:

- Apart from tigers, Corbett also has leopards. Other mammals such as jungle cats, barking deer, spotted deer, sambar deer, sloth etc. are also found there.
- Other Major Protected Areas of Uttarakhand:
  - Nanda Devi National Park.
  - Valley of Flowers National Park.

- Valley of Flowers National Park and Nanda Devi National Park together are a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.
- Rajaji National Park.
- Gangotri National Park.
- Govind National Park.



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