



Kaziranga National Park: Assam

Why in News

Kaziranga has become **the first in the country to use satellite phones**, which are generally used by the law-enforcing agencies.

- The satellite phones **will give an edge to the forest personnel over the poachers and also during emergencies like floods.**
- The **public is barred from using satellite phones in India.** Satellite phones can connect from anywhere as they are directly connected to satellites around the world and do not depend on terrestrial mobile networks, as cellphones do.

Key Points

▪ Location:

- It is **located in the State of Assam** and covers 42,996 Hectare (ha). It is the **single largest undisturbed and representative area in the Brahmaputra Valley floodplain.**

▪ Legal Status:

- It was declared as a **National Park in 1974.**
- It has been declared a **Tiger Reserve since 2007.** It has a total tiger reserve area of 1,030 sq km with a core area of 430 sq. km.

▪ International Status:

- It was declared a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** in 1985.
- It is recognized as **An Important Bird Area** by Bird Life International.

▪ Biodiversity:

- It is the home of the world's most **one-horned rhinos.**
 - Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary has the highest density of one-horned rhinos in the world and second highest number of Rhinos in Assam after Kaziranga National Park.
- Much of the focus of conservation efforts in Kaziranga are focused on **the 'big four' species— Rhino, Elephant, Royal Bengal Tiger and Asiatic water buffalo.**
 - The 2018 census had yielded 2,413 rhinos and approximately 1,100 elephants.
 - As per the figures of **tiger census** conducted in 2014, Kaziranga had an estimated 103 tigers, the third highest population in India after **Jim Corbett National Park** (215) in Uttarakhand and **Bandipur National Park** (120) in Karnataka.
- Kaziranga is also **home to 9 of the 14 species of primates** found in the Indian subcontinent.

- The park has more than **250 seasonal water bodies**, besides the **Diphlu River** running through it.

▪ Other National Parks in Assam are:

- [Manas National Park](#),
- Dibru-Saikhowa National Park,
- Nameri National Park,
- Rajiv Gandhi Orang National Park.
- [Dehing Patkai National Park](#).
- **Raimona National Park.**

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7 NATIONAL PARKS IN ASSAM

- 6th : Raimona National Park (Notified in 2021)
- 7th : Dihing Patkai National Park (Notified in June 2021)

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