

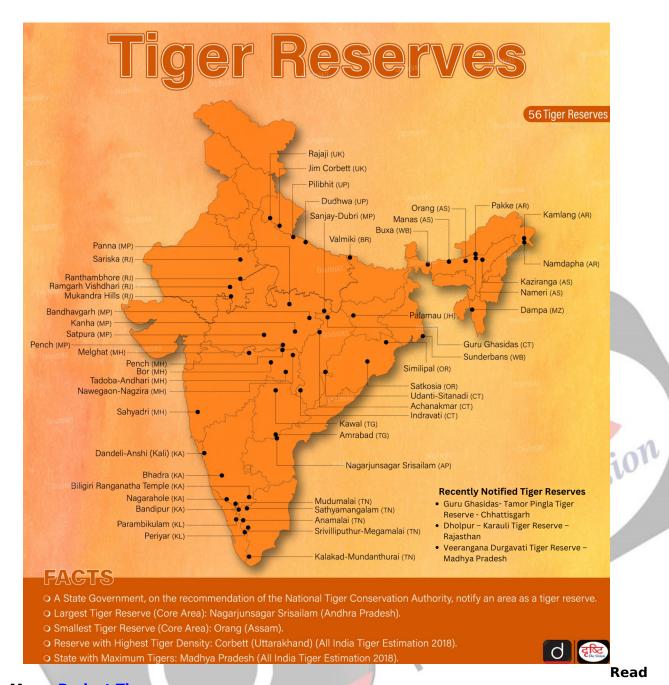
## `Bandipur Tiger Reserve

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Recently, the government has imposed restrictions on the annual jatara (last Monday of **Kartika month**) of **Beladakuppe Sri Mahadeshwaraswamy Temple** which is in the **core area** of **Bandipur Tiger Reserve (BTR)**.

- The temple is situated within the **Hediyala range of BTR**, a protected area for wildlife.
- Tiger reserves are constituted using a core and buffer conservation method.
  - The core area is free of all human use while the buffer area has conservation oriented land use.
- About BTR (Karnataka):
  - BTR is a key component of the <u>Western Ghats</u> landscape, which houses 1/8th of the world's tiger population.
  - It is part of the Bandipur, Nagarahole, Wayanad, Mudumalai, and Sathyamangalam Tiger Landscape, which spans across Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala.
  - It forms a crucial part of the <u>Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve</u>, the first Biosphere Reserve in India (1986).
  - The reserve is part of the **Mysore Elephant Reserve**, home to the world's largest population of **Asian Elephants.**





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