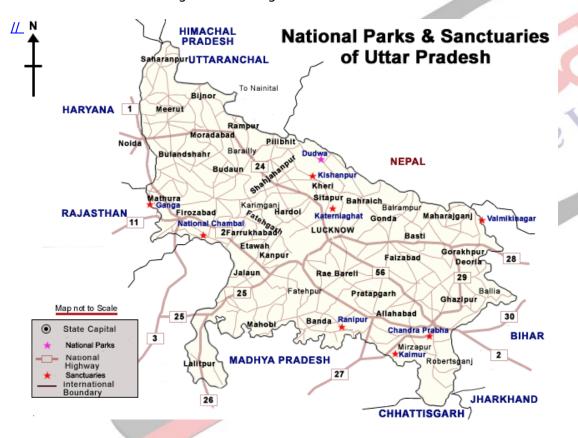


New Tiger Reserve in Uttar Pradesh

Why in News?

Recently, **Uttar Pradesh (UP)** approved the notification of the state's **fourth tiger reserve in the Ranipur Wildlife Sanctuary (RWS) in Chitrakoot district.**

- This will be the 53rd Tiger Reserve in India.
- A **Ranipur Tiger Conservation Foundation** will also be established for the protection and conservation of tigers in the region.



What are the Key Highlights about Ranipur Wildlife Sanctuary (RWS)?

- About:
 - RWS founded in 1977, has no resident tiger. However, it is an important corridor for the movement of tigers, according to the Status of tigers, co-predators and prey in India report by the <u>National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)</u>.
 - The Ranipur Tiger Reserve will be the fourth in UP.
 - It will also be the first in the Bundelkhand region of the state.
- Flora:
 - There is **dry deciduous forest** of Bamboo, Palash, Khair, Mahua, Dhau, Saal, Tendu, etc.
- Fauna:

- Blackduck, Chinkara, Sambar, Cheetal, Bear, Leopard, Wolf, Wild dog, Blue bull, etc.
- Other Tiger Reserves in UP:
 - Dudhwa National Park
 - Pilibhit Tiger Reserve
 - Amangarh Tiger Reserve

UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Question (PYQ)

Q. Which one of the following protected areas is wellknown for the conservation of a subspecies of the Indian swamp deer (Barasingha) that thrives well on hard ground and is exclusively graminivorous? (2020)

- (a) Kanha National Park
- (b) Manas National Park
- (c) Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary
- (d) Tal Chhapar Wildlife Sanctuary

Ans: (a)

Exp:

- Hard ground swamp deer or Barasingha (Rucervus duvaucelii), the state animal of Madhya Pradesh, is seeing a revival in the Kanha National Park and Tiger Reserve (KNPTR).
- Swamp Deer was close to extinction in the Kanha National Park. However, with the conservation efforts, the population currently numbers around 800.
- The deer is endemic to the Kanha National Park and Tiger Reserve on the Maikal Range of Satpura Hills. Measures like captive breeding and habitat improvement were used.
- Therefore, option A is the correct answer.

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