



Illegal Construction Near Sultanpur National Park

Why in News?

Recently, The [Additional Chief Secretary \(ACS\) of Forest and Wildlife](#) directed the district administration to submit a report to the [Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change \(MoEF & CC\)](#) regarding **illegal constructions** near [Sultanpur National Park](#) and their current status.

Key Points

- **Committee to Monitor Illegal Construction:**
 - In March 2024, a committee was formed to **monitor illegal construction activities in the [restricted zone](#)** surrounding the **national park**.
 - It was found that several illegal colonies are being developed in the Farukhnagar areas near Sultanpur National Park.
 - Construction activities within the [sensitive zones](#) violate the provisions of the zonal master plan for **eco- sensitive zones**.
- **Compliance with Regulations:**
 - Officials were instructed to ensure **strict compliance with structural construction regulations** in the areas surrounding the national park.
 - Action should be taken against those who fail to comply with these regulations.

Sultanpur National Park

- **About:**
 - Sultanpur National Park is a bird paradise for bird watchers. It is famous for its **migratory as well as resident birds**.
 - Migratory birds start arriving in the park in September. Birds use the park as a resting place till the following March-April.
 - During [summer](#) and [monsoon](#) months the park is inhabited by many local bird species.
 - In April 1971, the [Sultanpur Jheel](#) inside the park (an area of 1.21 sq. Km.) was accorded [Sanctuary status](#) under section 8 of the **Punjab Wildlife Preservation Act, 1959**.
 - The status of the park was upgraded to [National Park](#) under the [Wildlife \(Protection\) Act, 1972](#) in July 1991.
- **Location:**
 - It is situated in Gurgaon district of Haryana. The distance of the park is around 50 Km from Delhi and 15km from Gurgaon.
- **Important Fauna at the Park:**
 - **Mammals:** [Blackbuck](#), [Nilgai](#), Hog deer, Sambar, [Leopard](#) etc.
 - **Birds:** [Siberian Cranes](#), [Greater Flamingo](#), [Demoiselle Crane](#) etc.

