



56th Tiger Reserve in Chhattisgarh

Why in News?

Recently, [Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary](#) in Chhattisgarh has officially been declared as the **56th Tiger Reserve of the country.**

Key Points

- **About Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve:**
 - The Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve spans from **Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur, Korea, Surajpur, and Balrampur districts of Chhattisgarh.**
 - Total area is **2,829.38 sq. km**, with core tiger habitat of 2,049.2 sq. km and buffer zone 780.15 sq. km.
 - It is the **third-largest tiger reserve in India**, after [Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem in Andhra Pradesh](#) and [Manas in Assam](#).
- **Conservation and Connectivity:**
 - It forms a landscape complex of approximately 4,500 sq. km with the [Sanjay Dubri Tiger Reserve](#) in Madhya Pradesh.
 - It is connected to [Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh](#) in the west and [Palamau Tiger Reserve, Jharkhand](#) in the east.
- **Ecological and Faunal Diversity:**
 - Located in the [Chota Nagpur plateau](#) and partly in the **Baghelkhand plateau**, the reserve features diverse terrains, dense forests, streams, and rivers, providing critical [tiger](#) habitats.
 - **Zoological Survey of India documented 753 species:**
 - 365 invertebrates (mainly insects).
 - 388 vertebrates, including 230 bird species and 55 mammal species, several of which are threatened.
- Chhattisgarh now hosts **four tiger reserves**, enhancing tiger conservation efforts under [National Tiger Conservation Authority \(NTCA\) Project Tiger](#) initiative.

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