



Tigress Found Dead in MP's Reserve

Why in News?

Recently, the **carcass of a four year-old tigress** in **the Pench Tiger Reserve (PTR)** in Madhya Pradesh's Seoni district. The officials suspect **poaching** to be the cause of death.

Key Points

- **Carcass Discovery:**
 - The carcass was found in the **Kurai area** of Pench Tiger Reserve (PTR).
 - The officials confirmed that **the tigress died due to electrocution.**
- **Poaching Investigation:**
 - A case has been registered, and authorities are working to arrest unidentified poachers involved in the incident.
 - Initial investigations suggested that poachers attempted **unsuccessfully to chop off the tigress's paws.**
 - Following a post-mortem, the carcass was disposed of according to **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)** guidelines.

Pench Tiger Reserve (PTR)

- PTR is the **joint pride of both Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.**
- The Reserve is located in the **southern reaches of the Satpura hills** in the **Seoni and Chhindwara districts in Madhya Pradesh**, and continues in **Nagpur district in Maharashtra** as a separate Sanctuary.
 - It was declared a **National Park** by the Government of Maharashtra in 1975 and the identity of a **tiger reserve** was granted to it in the year 1992.
 - However, PTR **Madhya Pradesh was granted the same status in 1992-1993.** It is one of the major **Protected Areas of Satpura-Maikal ranges of the Central Highlands.**
- It is among the sites notified as **Important Bird Areas (IBA) of India.**
 - The IBA is a programme of Birdlife International which aims to **identify, monitor and protect a global network of IBAs for conservation** of the world's birds and associated diversity.