



# Kaziranga National Park: Assam

## Why in News

Kaziranga has become **the first in the country to use satellite phones**, which are generally used by the law-enforcing agencies.

- The satellite phones **will give an edge to the forest personnel over the poachers and also during emergencies like floods.**
- The **public is barred from using satellite phones in India.** Satellite phones can connect from anywhere as they are directly connected to satellites around the world and do not depend on terrestrial mobile networks, as cellphones do.

## Key Points

- **Location:**
  - It is **located in the State of Assam** and covers 42,996 Hectare (ha). It is the **single largest undisturbed and representative area in the Brahmaputra Valley floodplain.**
- **Legal Status:**
  - It was declared as a **National Park in 1974.**
  - It has been declared a [Tiger Reserve](#) since **2007**. It has a total tiger reserve area of 1,030 sq km with a core area of 430 sq. km.
- **International Status:**
  - It was declared a [UNESCO World Heritage Site](#) in 1985.
  - It is recognized as [An Important Bird Area](#) by Bird Life International.
- **Biodiversity:**
  - It is the home of the world's most [one-horned rhinos](#).
    - Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary has the highest density of one-horned rhinos in the world and second highest number of Rhinos in Assam after Kaziranga National Park.
  - Much of the focus of conservation efforts in Kaziranga are focused on **the 'big four' species— Rhino, Elephant, Royal Bengal Tiger and Asiatic water buffalo.**
    - The 2018 census had yielded 2,413 rhinos and approximately 1,100 elephants.
    - As per the figures of [tiger census](#) conducted in 2014, Kaziranga had an estimated 103 tigers, the third highest population in India after [Jim Corbett National Park](#) (215) in Uttarakhand and [Bandipur National Park](#) (120) in Karnataka.
  - Kaziranga is also **home to 9 of the 14 species of primates** found in the Indian subcontinent.
- The park has more than **250 seasonal water bodies**, besides the **Diphlu River** running through it.
- **Other National Parks in Assam are:**

- [Manas National Park](#),
- Dibru-Saikhowa National Park,
- Nameri National Park,
- Rajiv Gandhi Orang National Park.
- [Dehing Patkai National Park](#).
- **Raimona National Park.**

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## 7 NATIONAL PARKS IN ASSAM

- 6th : Raimona National Park (Notified in 2021)
- 7th : Dihing Patkai National Park (Notified in June 2021)

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