



Kanha Tiger Reserve

Why in News?

Recently, a [tigress](#) was found dead in **the Kanha Tiger Reserve** in Mandla district of Madhya Pradesh.

Key Points

- **Discovery of the Carcass:**
 - Forest officials found the carcass of a two-year-old tigress in **the Mukki Forest Range**, located in **the Parsantola Beat of Kanha Tiger Reserve**.
 - Authorities secured the site and initiated an investigation following [the National Tiger Conservation Authority \(NTCA\)](#) guidelines and directives from the Chief Wildlife Conservator of Madhya Pradesh.
- **Post-Mortem:**
 - A team of expert wildlife doctors conducted the post-mortem examination.
 - Authorities confirmed that all body parts were intact, **ruling out poaching** as the **cause of death**.
 - They suspect the tigress died in a **territorial fight with another tiger**.
- **Kanha Tiger Reserve:**
 - It stretches over an area of 940 square km in the **two districts - Mandla and Balaghat - of Madhya Pradesh**.
 - The present-day Kanha area **was divided into two sanctuaries, Hallon and Banjar. Kanha National Park was created in 1955** and in **1973** was made the Kanha Tiger Reserve.
 - Kanha National Park is the **largest National Park in Central India**.

National Tiger Conservation Authority

- National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) is a **statutory body** under the **Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change**.
- It was established in **2005** following the recommendations of the Tiger Task Force.
- It was constituted under enabling provisions of **the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972**, as amended in 2006, for strengthening tiger conservation, as per powers and functions assigned to it.