



## Aravali Safari Park Project

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Haryana's proposed [Aravali Safari Park](#), featuring **wildlife enclosures, hotels, and restaurants**, faces debate over its impact on **ecology, groundwater, and wildlife conservation**.

- **About Aravali Safari Park Project:** It is envisioned as the **world's largest safari park (approx 10,000 acres)** and aims to support **eco-tourism and [compensatory afforestation](#)**.
  - Inspired by **UAE's Sharjah Park**, it is planned for **compensatory afforestation** to mitigate the **loss of 26,000 acres** of tropical forests in [Great Nicobar](#).
  - It will only be developed in areas where **forest density is less than 40%**.
  - [Forest \(Conservation\) Act, 1980](#) was amended in **2023** to bring it under the 'forest' activity, and allowing **zoos** to be built in **forest areas**.
- **About Aravallis:** It is the **oldest fold mountain range** in the world and runs **diagonally (northeast to southwest)** across **Gujarat, Rajasthan, Delhi, and Haryana** for about **690 km**.
  - It plays a crucial role in **preventing [desertification](#) eastwards** and **recharging groundwater**.
  - The **hidden limb** of the Aravallis, extending from **Delhi to Haridwar**, separates the drainage of the **Ganga and Indus rivers**.
  - Its highest peak is **Guru Shikhar** on **Mount Abu** (Rajasthan) at **1,722 metres**.

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