



National Highway-766

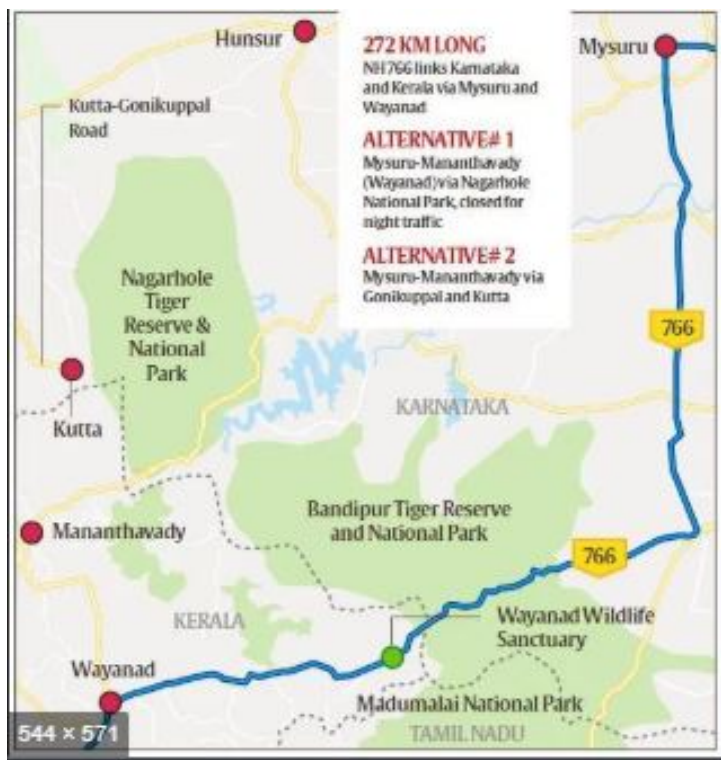
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Why in News

Recently, the Kerala Legislative Assembly has passed a resolution demanding the Union government to lift the travel restrictions on National Highway-766 (NH-766).

The night travel on the forest stretch of NH-766, passing through the Bandipur National Park is banned since 2009 to **protect wildlife in the area**.

NH-766



- It connects Karnataka and Kerala that passes through the Bandipur Tiger Reserve in Karnataka.

- It was declared a **national highway in 1989**, then named NH 212, and later renamed NH 766.
- It serves as a **survival route** for the people of Wayanad as the place **lacks rail and water connectivity**.

Bandipur National Park

- It is part of interconnected forests that include Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary (Tamil Nadu), Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary (Kerala) and Nagarhole National Park (Karnataka).
- It has the **second-highest tiger population in India** after **Pench Tiger Reserve(Madhya Pradesh)**.
- **Madhya Pradesh** has the **highest** number of tigers **followed by Karnataka**.

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