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**News:** 275 bird species counted during survey at Corbett Tiger Reserv

- About 275 bird species, including two critically endangered, four vulnerable ones and two endangered species, were counted during a survey at Corbett Tiger Reserve.

## **Jim Corbett National Park / Ramganga National Park**

- Jim Corbett National Park, which is a part of the larger Corbett Tiger Reserve, a **Project Tiger Reserve lies in the Nainital district of Uttarakhand.**
- It was established in the year 1936 as Hailey National Park and has the glory of being **India's oldest and most prestigious National Park.**
- It is also being honoured as the place where **Project Tiger was first launched in 1973.**
- This unique tiger territory is best known as the father who gave birth of the Project Tiger in India to protect the most endangered species and the Royal of India called Tigers.
- It Spans over an **extent of 520 square kilometres and comprises hills, marshy depressions, riverine belts, grasslands and a large lake.**

- It is sheltering a **healthy population of tigers and rare species like Otters and the endemic fish-eating crocodile**; the national park is one of the most sought-after destinations.
- The **Ramganga River (West) along with its significant tributaries Sonanadi, Palain and Mandal forms the prominent hydrological resource** for the Corbett.
- The Delhi High Court recently asked the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) to consider as **representation a petition to stop the alleged illegal construction of bridges and walls within tiger breeding habitat of the Corbett Tiger Reserve**.
- Recently, Jim Corbett National Park was renamed to Ramganga National Park.