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News: Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve

- Madhya Pradesh, which is home to the most number of tigers in the country, has got a new protected area for the big cats named ‘Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve’, the seventh in the state.
- Until now, M.P. was home to six tiger reserves – Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Satpura, Pench, Panna and Sanjay-Dubri.

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- Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve is the 54th Tiger Reserve in India and 7th Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh.
- It is spread across Sagar, Damoh and Narsinghpur districts of Madhya Pradesh.
- It is spread over an area of 2,339 square kilometres. About 1,414 square kilometres in the tiger reserve has been included in the core area and 925.12 square kilometres in the buffer zone.
- It will encompass areas within the Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary and Durgavati Wildlife Sanctuary.
- A green corridor linking Panna Tiger Reserve (PTR) with Durgavati will be developed for the natural movement of the tiger to the new reserve.

- Rivers: Parts of the reserve fall under the Narmada and Yamuna River basins.
- The Singorgarh Fort is located within the reserve.
- Vegetation: Dry deciduous type.
- Flora: The chief floral elements include Teak, Saja, Dhaora, Ber, Amla, etc.
- Fauna: Tiger, leopard, wolf, jackal, Indian fox, striped hyena, Nilgai, Chinkara, Chital, Sambhar, Black Buck, Barking deer, Common Langur Rhesus Macaque etc.