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News: Tiger Deaths in India

- In 2023, India witnessed a disturbing surge in tiger deaths, reaching a record 204, as reported by the Wildlife Protection Society of India (WPSI), a non-profit organisation prompting concerns about conservation efforts for these majestic creatures.

Status of Tiger Deaths in India

- Maharashtra has recorded the highest number of tiger fatalities with 52 deaths, prompting apprehensions regarding the adequacy of conservation measures in the state.
- India's top tiger state, Madhya Pradesh, witnessed 45 deaths, emphasizing the need for enhanced protection. Uttarakhand recorded 26 deaths, adding to the grim statistics.
- Tamil Nadu and Kerala recorded 15 tiger deaths each, reflecting a widespread issue across regions. Karnataka, with the second-highest tiger population, reported 13 deaths.
- The tiger population in India reached 3,167 in 2022, up from 2,967 in 2018. This positive trend, however, raises questions about the sustainability of these gains in the face of increasing threats.

- **Natural & other causes, led to 79 tiger deaths**, urging a focus on understanding, and addressing these factors for effective conservation.
- **Poaching remains a persistent threat, claiming 55 tigers' lives**, necessitating robust anti-poaching measures.
- **Infighting among tigers resulted in 46 deaths**, underscoring the significance of habitat preservation.
- **Human-induced threats, such as road incidents, caused 7 tiger fatalities**, demanding urgent attention to mitigate human-wildlife conflicts.