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News: Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla (GGTP) Tiger Reserve

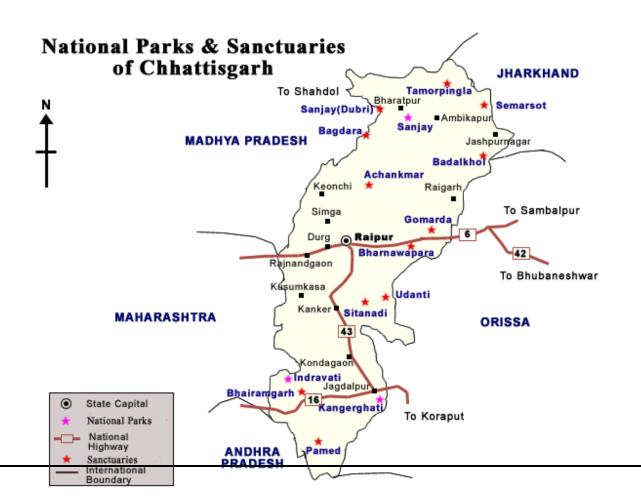
➤ India has recently notified the Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla (GGTP) Tiger

Reserve in Chhattisgarh as the country's 56th tiger reserve. This marks a significant step in the nation's tiger conservation efforts.

Guru Ghasidas National Park and Tiger Reserve

- Named after the Satnami reformist hero of the place, Guru Ghasidas is the result of the carving of Chhattisgarh from Madhya Pradesh in the year of 2000.
- ➤ It is located in the Koriya district of Chhattisgarh and is nestled in the Chota Nagpur plateau and partly in Baghelkhand plateau.
- The park has undulating topography and it falls under the Tropical climate zone.
- The vegetation consists mainly of mixed deciduous forest with teak, sal and bamboo trees.
- Fauna found here are Tiger, Leopard, Chital, Nilgai, Chinkara, Jackal, Sambar, Four-horned Antelope etc.
- Figure Ghasidas National Park was the last known habitat of the Asiatic cheetah in the country.

- ➤ It connects Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh and provides a corridor for tigers to move between the Bandhavgarh (Madhya Pradesh) and Palamau Tiger Reserves (Jharkhand).
- ➤ Recently, the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has designated the combined areas of the Guru Ghasidas National Park and Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary as 56th Tiger Reserve in India.
- The reserve has a core habitat of 2049.2 km² and a buffer zone of 780.15 km².
- This will be the fourth Tiger Reserve in Chhattisgarh, after the Udanti-Sitanadi,
 Achanakmar and Indravati Reserves.
- ➤ It is the third-largest tiger reserve in India followed by Nagarjunasagar-Srisailam (Andhra Pradesh) and Manas (Assam).



Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary

- ➤ Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary is located in the Surajpur district of Chhattisgarh bordering Uttar Pradesh.
- ➤ It is named after Tamor hill and Pingla Nalla.
- ➤ Tamor hill and Pingla Nalla are considered to be the old and prominent features of the sanctuary area.
- ➤ Mixed deciduous forests dominate the sanctuary. Sal and bamboo forests are seen all through.
- Tigers, Elephants, leopards, bears, sambar deer, blue bulls, chital, bison and many such animals are found here.
- ➤ Recently, the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has designated the combined areas of the Guru Ghasidas National Park and Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary as a Tiger Reserve.
- This will be the fourth Tiger Reserve in Chhattisgarh, after the Udanti-Sitanadi, Achanakmar and Indravati Reserves.