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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 56<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Guru 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 56<sup>th</sup> Tiger Reserve in India.
- The reserve has a core habitat of 2049.2 km<sup>2</sup> and a buffer zone of 780.15 km<sup>2</sup>.
- 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-Srisailem (Andhra Pradesh) and Manas (Assam).

## National Parks & Sanctuaries of Chhattisgarh



## 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.**