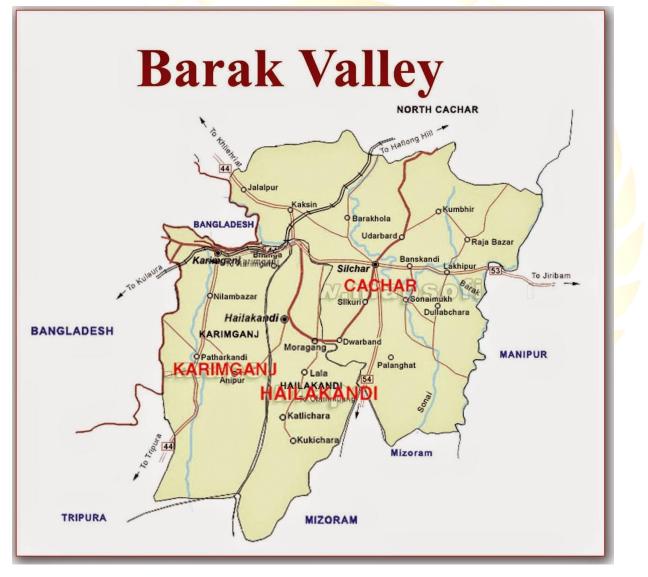


BARAK BHUBAN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY: PLACES IN NEWS

Recently, the National Green Tribunal's (NGT) eastern bench in Kolkata has ordered a stay on road construction work inside the Barak Bhuban wildlife sanctuary in Assam's Cachar district.

- Location:
 - Found within Assam's **Barak Valley**, which also includes the **Borail Wildlife Sanctuary**.
 - Nestled between the **Barak** and **Sona**i rivers.
 - Named after the **Barak River**, the second-largest river in Northeast India.
 - Spans across Cachar, Hailakandi, and Karimganj districts.



- Fauna:
 - Acts as a vital habitat for a variety of wildlife species.

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- Home to eight species of primates, including the slow loris, rhesus macaque, and hoolock gibbon.
- The sanctuary also provides refuge for the **king cobra**.

Key Information about Barak Valley:

- Geographical Location:
 - Situated in the southern region of Assam.
 - Named after the **Barak River**, the largest river of the valley and second largest in Northeast India.
- Borders:
 - The valley shares borders with several states:
 - Meghalaya to the north.
 - **Manipur** to the east.
 - **Tripura** and **Mizoram** to the south.
 - Additionally, it is bordered by **Bangladesh** to the south.
- **Biodiversity Hotspot**:
 - The valley is part of the Indo-Myanmar biodiversity hotspot.
- Land Usage:
 - Approximately **4.8% of the valley's geographical area** is covered by **tea** plantations.
 - Many hill areas are used for home gardens or designated as reserve forests.
- Vegetation:
 - The valley is characterized by **tropical evergreen**, semi-evergreen, and tropical deciduous forests.
 - Rainforests are found in the northern and southeastern parts of the valley.
- Climate:
 - The region experiences a subtropical, warm, and humid climate.