



## 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 **Sonai** 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.



- 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**.