



## KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK : ENVIRONMENT (PLACES IN NEWS )

**NEWS :** Kaziranga National Park emerges as India's second butterfly diversity hub with 446 species  
**WHAT'S IN THE NEWS ?**

Years of research carried out by Dr Monsoon Jyoti Gogoi, a young scientist from Kaziranga, has brought to the fore that more than 446 butterfly species have been reported from the park.



- **Butterfly Diversity and Conservation**

- **Species Count:**

- Kaziranga hosts **446 butterfly species**, making it the second highest in India, after Namdapha National Park.

- **Research:**

- Led by **Dr. Monsoon Jyoti Gogoi**, this discovery includes **18 new records** for India.

- **Butterfly Conservation Meet-2024:**

- Held from **Sept 27-29, 2024**, attracting around 40 participants from various institutions.
- **85 butterfly species** were observed during the event.
- A new **pictorial guidebook** was launched, documenting the 446 species.

- **Conservation Focus:**

- The meet emphasized the need for **butterfly conservation**, alongside traditional wildlife conservation for Kaziranga's iconic "Big Five."

- **Kaziranga National Park Overview:**

- **Location:** Golaghat and Nagaon Districts, Assam, India.
- **Size:** 430 sq km, along the Brahmaputra River.
- **Wildlife:** Famous for the **Great Indian one-horned rhinoceros**, tigers, elephants, and bird species.
- **Landscape:** Forests, tall elephant grass, marshes, and pools.

- **Conservation Significance:**

- Recognized as an **Important Bird Area** and home to species like **Asiatic wild buffalo**, **swamp deer**, and **Ganges dolphins**.



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