

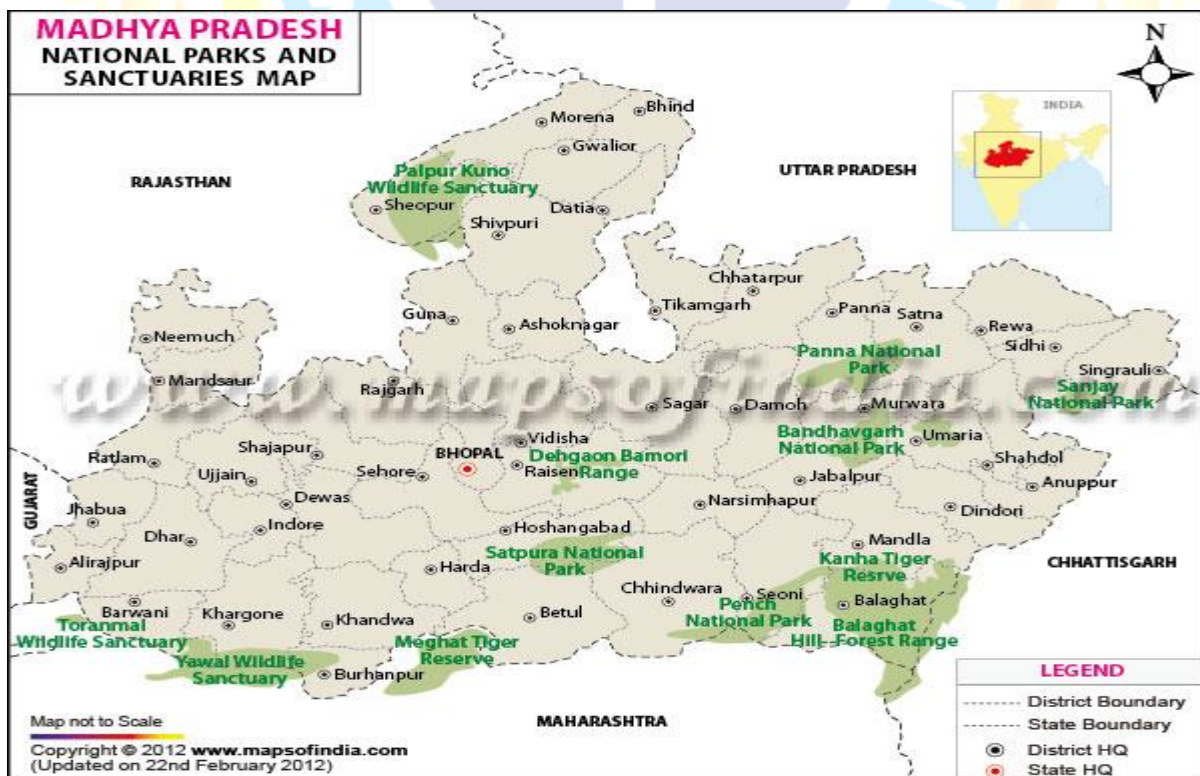


BANDHAVGARH TIGER RESERVE (BTR): PLACES IN NEWS

NEWS: Four elephants were found dead, with five others in poor health, at Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh.

ABOUT

- It is located in the Umari district of Madhya Pradesh and is spread over the Vindhya hills.
- In 1968, it was notified as a national park and in 1993 was declared a tiger reserve- under the Project Tiger Network at the neighbouring Panpatha Sanctuary.
- It derives its name from the most prominent hillock of the area, which was said to be given by Hindu Lord Rama to his brother Lakshmana to keep a watch on Lanka. Hence the name Bandhavgarh.
- It is known for the Royal Bengal Tigers. The density of the tiger population at Bandhavgarh is the highest known in India as well as in the world.
- The whole park is filled with more than 20 streams out of which some of the most important streams are Johilla, Janadh, Charanganga, Damnar, Banbei, Ambanala and Andhiyari Jhiria.
 - These streams then merge into the Son river (an important southern tributary to the river Ganga).





Flora

- The vegetation of Bandhavgarh Park is diverse and includes heavily forested hills as well as grasslands.
- **The Sal and Bamboo species, which form various combinations with one another, dominate the tropical moist deciduous region in which Bandhavgarh National Park's forest is located.**

Fauna

- The Park is simply known for the various species of wild creatures and is best known for the preservation of the most astonishing tiger species.
- It is believed that **every white tiger across the world has its trace to Bandhavgarh National Park.**
- It is also worth mentioning here that Mohan was the first white tiger spotted in Bandhavgarh by the then Maharaja of Rewa.
- There are three core zones in the national park such as Tala, Khitauli and Magadhi and three zones are equally popular for tiger sightings.
- Additionally, Bandhavgarh is also home to a wide variety of animals, including chinkaras, nilgais, and bison, who graze on the grasslands.

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