

Asola Wildlife Sanctuary

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Why in news?

- MoEFCC has declared an area of 1km around the Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary in Gurugram and Faridabad as Eco-sensitive zone.

More information:

- Asola-Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary covers **Southern Delhi Ridge of Aravalli hill range** on Delhi-Haryana border and northern parts of **Faridabad and Gurugram districts of Haryana state**.
- It is the **part of the Northern Aravalli leopard wildlife corridor that starts from the Sariska National Park in Rajasthan**.
- The Asola wildlife sanctuary consists of around 200 species of resident and migratory birds.

Regulated Activities are:

- **Hotels and resorts** will not be allowed within 1 km of the boundary of the protected area or up to the extent of the Eco-Sensitive Zone, whichever is nearer.
- **Construction:** only "Small temporary structures" for eco-tourism activities.
- Small scale non-polluting industries
- Felling of trees
- Civic infrastructure

Banned Activities are:

- Stone quarrying
- Industrial and polluting industries
- Major hydroelectric projects
- Commercial mining
- Saw mills brick kilns

Allowed Activities are:

- Organic farming
- Cottage industries
- Rain water harvesting
- Agro-forestry