

Bandipur National Park

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Why in news?

- Huge blaze in Bandipur tiger reserve that razed the forest for days was the result of bad fire-management policies according to experts.

About the park:

- It is located in the **tri-junction area of the States of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala.**
- It is situated in two **contiguous districts (Mysore and Chamarajanagar) of Karnataka.**
- In 1974, **Bandipur Tiger reserve was established as one of the first 9 Tiger Reserves** under Project Tiger.
- In 1985, by including adjacent areas, it was enlarged and named as Bandipur National Park.
- It is **surrounded by Nagarahole Tiger Reserve (Karnataka)** in the North West (both are separated by Kabini Reservoir), **Mudumalai Tiger Reserve (Tamil Nadu)** in the South and **Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary (Kerala)** in the South West.
- Together these 4 areas are part of the **Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.**
- **Kabini River** flows in the north and the **Moyar River** to the South of the park. The **Nugu River** runs through the park.