

Corbett Tiger Reserve

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Why in news?

- Uttarakhand Government has formed a Special Tiger Force for Corbett Tiger Reserve (CTR).

More information

- The Project Tiger was first launched in 1973 from the Dhikala zone of **Corbett National Park** (During its inception, the name of the park was **Hailey National Park**).
- **Together with Sonanadi wildlife sanctuary, Corbett National Park forms Corbett Tiger Reserve** spreading over three districts of Uttarakhand i.e. Pauri, Nainital and Almora.
- Corbett tiger reserve is located in Ramnagar in Nainital district.
- **Ramganga, Sonanadi, Mandal, Palain and Kosi are the major rivers** flowing through the Jim Corbett National Park.
- The reserve, situated factually along a valley **between the minor Himalaya in the north and the Siwaliks in the south**, has a sub-Himalayan belt shape.

About Special Tiger Force (STPF):

- It will be effective in checking illegal human intrusion into the reserve through villages located on its fringes and serve as a second layer of protection for tigers at the CTR.

Three-tier protection to tigers at reserves:

- **1st layer of protection:** It is provided in the inner range by beat level forest guards through regular patrols.

- **2nd layer of protection:** It is provided by STPF.
- **3rd layer of protection:** It comes from intelligence-gathering mechanisms in which forest, police and central intelligence agency personnel work together to prevent crimes like poaching of tigers. **(Uttarakhand's Nandhaur Wildlife Sanctuary is set to get a 'Tiger Cell' after the Corbett Tiger Reserve)**