

Durgavati Tiger Reserve

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In news— Madhya Pradesh Wildlife Board has recently approved a new reserve for tigers of Panna Tiger Reserve (PTR), one-fourth of which will get submerged due to the linking of the Ken-Betwa rivers.

The new tiger reserve-

- The **2,339 square kilometres new tiger reserve, to be called Durgavati Tiger Reserve(DTR)**, will spread across Narisinghpur, Damoh and Sagar districts.
- A **green corridor linking PTR with Durgavati will be developed** for the natural movement of the tiger to the new reserve.
- The new tiger reserve(DTR) is being developed so that **big cats from Panna Tiger Reserve (PTR) can shift there naturally.**
- **Nauradehi wildlife sanctuary, which has five tigers, is a corridor between Satpura and PTR**, while **Durgavati Wildlife Sanctuary is a green corridor for Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve.**
- The new reserve will also accommodate excess tigers from Bandhavgarh.

Note:

- As part of a **wildlife management plan for Panna** in wake of the Ken-Betwa river linking project, the NTCA had asked Uttar Pradesh and MP governments to notify new tiger reserves.
- The two state governments, with the Centre, are implementing a ₹44,605 crore river-linking project to end the water crisis in Bundelkhand region.
- The Uttar Pradesh cabinet approved the notification of the state's fourth tiger reserve in the **Ranipur Wildlife Sanctuary (RWS)** in the Chitrakoot district. RWS has no

tigers of its own.

- Panna is home to the largest number of vultures in Central India and loss of habitat will badly impact them.
- In 2020, UNESCO included PTR in a global network of biospheres because of its unique landscape and management.

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