

Jim Corbett National park

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In news- The Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change recently proposed changing the name of Corbett National Park to Ramganga National Park.

About Jim Corbett National Park-

- Jim Corbett National Park is a national park in India located in the Nainital district of Uttarakhand state.
- **India's and Asia's first national park**, the park was **set up in 1936**, and was called **Hailey National Park**, named after Sir Macolm Hailey who was then the governor of the United Province.
- The park was renamed as Ramganga National Park after the river that flows through it.
- But then, shortly after Independence , it was renamed again as Corbett National Park in 1956.
- Nainital born, Edward James Corbett was a widely revered hunter-naturalist who tracked down and killed a number of man-eating tigers and leopards and his conservation efforts led to the establishment of many forest parks in Uttarakhand.
- The park was the **first to come under the Project Tiger initiative (1973)**.
- The park has sub-Himalayan belt geographical and ecological characteristics.
- **Dense moist deciduous forest** mainly consists of sal, haldu, peepal, rohini and mango trees.
- The park encompasses the **Patli Dun valley formed by the Ramganga river**.
- The buffer contains reserve forests as well as the Sonanadi Wildlife Sanctuary.
- The reserve, located partly along a valley between the Lesser Himalaya in the north and the Shivaliks in the south, has a sub-Himalayan belt structure.