

Namdapha Tiger Reserve

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Why in news?

- Authorities in Namdapha Tiger Reserve have discontinued the services of 53 frontline staff and all casual employees.

About the reserve:

- **Namdapha, named after a river** meandering through it, was declared as India's **15th Tiger Reserve in 1983**.
- Declared a wildlife sanctuary in 1972, it was elevated to a national park in 1983 (the same year as it was made a tiger reserve).
- It is located in the **Changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh** near the international border with Myanmar.
- It is the **fourth largest national park in India**.
- The tiger is one of 96 species of mammals found in Namdapha and others include the endemic red giant flying squirrel, clouded leopard, snow leopard, Malayan sun bear, Asiatic black bear, hoolock gibbon, and capped langur.
- It is **India's easternmost tiger reserve**.
- It is located between the Dapha bum range of the Mishmi Hills and the Patkai range.
- It is **crossed from east to west by the Noa Dihing River** that originates at the Chaukan Pass, located on the Indo-Myanmar border.