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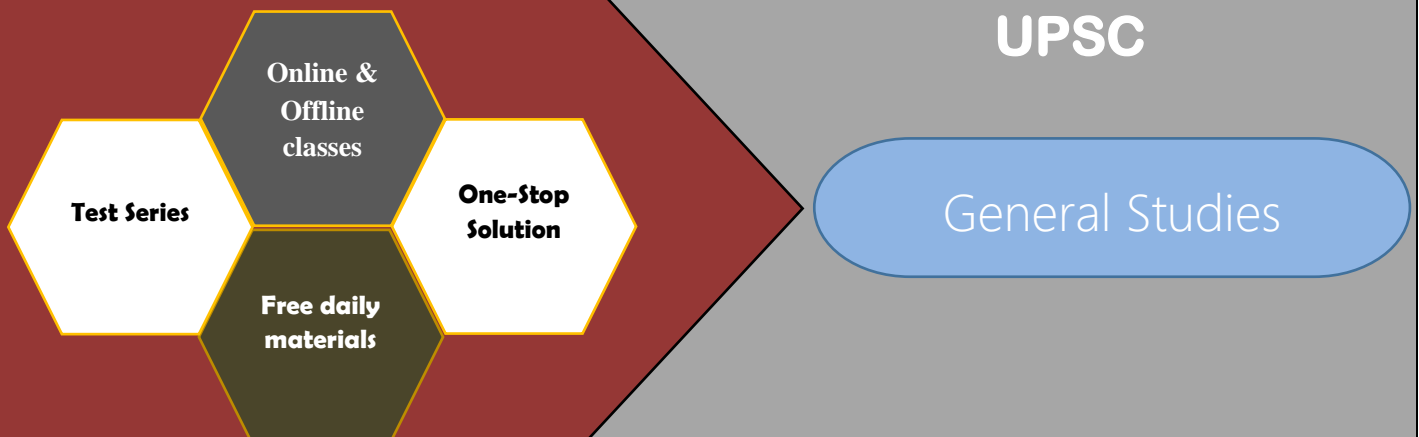
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## Pilibhit Tiger Reserve: Uttar Pradesh

Notes for civil services preparation



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A carcass of a five-year-old tigress was found in the Pilibhit Tiger Reserve (Uttar Pradesh).

### Key Points

#### About:

- It is located in Pilibhit and Shahjahanpur district of Uttar Pradesh.
- It was **notified as Tiger Reserve in 2014**
- In 2020, it bagged **international award TX2** for doubling up the number of tigers in the past four years
- It forms the part of **Terai Arc Landscape** in the **upper Gangetic plain**.
- The northern edge of the reserve lies along the Indo-Nepal border while the southern boundary is marked by the river Sharada and Khakra.

#### Flora and Fauna:

- - It is home to a habitat for over 127 animals, 326 bird species and 2,100 flowering plants.
  - Wild animals include **tiger, swamp deer, bengal florican, leopard**, etc.
  - It has high **sal forests**, plantation and grasslands with several water bodies.

#### Other Protected Areas in Uttar Pradesh

- **Dudhwa National Park**
- National Chambal Sanctuary
- Chandraprabha Wildlife Sanctuary
- Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary

### Terai Arc Landscape

- The Terai Arc Landscape (TAL) is **an 810 km stretch between the river Yamuna in the west and the river Bhagmati in the east**
- **Bhagmati River** is a river in south-central Nepal and northern Bihar state
- Comprises the **Shivalik hills**, the adjoining **bhabhar areas** and the **Terai flood plains**.
- The **bhabhar** is that part of the Indian Northern Plains where the rivers, after descending from the mountains, deposit pebbles. It is a narrow belt, having a width of about 8 to 16 km and lying parallel to the slopes of the shivaliks.
- All the streams disappear in this bhabhar belt. South of this belt, the streams and rivers re-emerge and **create a wet, swampy and marshy region known as terai**
- It is spread across the Indian states of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, and the low lying hills of Nepal.
- It boasts of **some of India's most well-known Tiger Reserves and Protected Areas** such as **Corbett Tiger Reserve** (Uttarakhand), **Rajaji National Park** (Uttarakhand), **Dudhwa Tiger Reserve** (Uttar Pradesh), **Valmiki Tiger Reserve** (Bihar).

- In total, **the landscape has 13 Protected Areas, 9 in India and 4 in Nepal**, covering a total area of 49,500 km<sup>2</sup>, of which **30,000km<sup>2</sup> lies in India.**
- The forests are **home to three flagship species**, the **Bengal tiger** (*Panthera tigris*), the **greater one horned rhino** (*Rhinoceros unicornis*) and the **Asian elephant** (*Elephas maximus*).

