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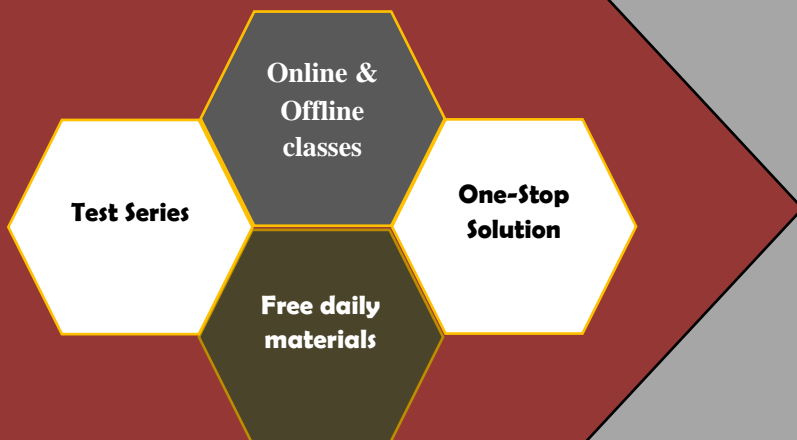
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Six tigers are missing in Ranthambore Tiger Sanctuary (Rajasthan).

### Key Points

### About:

- Ranthambore Tiger Reserve lies in the eastern part of Rajasthan state in Karauli and Sawai Madhopur districts, at the junction of the Aravali and Vindhya hill ranges.
- It comprises the **Ranthambore National Park** as well as **Sawai Mansingh and Kailadevi sanctuaries**.
- The **Ranthambore fort**, from which the forests derive their name, is said to have a rich history of over 1000 years. It is strategically located atop a 700 feet tall hill within the park and is believed to have been **built in 944 AD by a Chauhan ruler**.
- This isolated area with tigers in it **represents the north-western limit of the Bengal tiger's distribution range** and is an **outstanding example of Project Tiger's efforts** for conservation in the country.

### Features:

- **India has 2,967 tigers**, a third more than in 2014, according to results of a census made public in July **Ranthambore**, according to this exercise, had **55 tigers**
- The reserve consists of highly fragmented forest patches, ravines, river streams and agricultural land.
- It is **connected to Kuno-Palpur Landscape in Madhya Pradesh**, through parts of Kailadevi Wildlife Sanctuary, the ravine habitats of Chambal and the forest patches of sheopur.
- **Tributaries of River Chambal** provide easy passage for tigers to move towards the Kuno National park.

### Vegetation and Wildlife:

- The **vegetation** includes grasslands on plateaus and dense forests along the seasonal stream.

- The forest type is mainly **tropical dry deciduous with 'dhak' (Butea monosperma)**, a species of tree capable of withstanding long periods of drought, being the commonest.
- **This tree is also called as 'Flame of forest'** and is one of the many flowering plants that add colour to the dry summers here.
- The park is rich in **wildlife** with tigers at the apex of the food chain in mammal.
- Other animals found here are **leopards**, striped hyenas, common or hanuman langurs, **rhesus macaques**, jackals, jungle cats, **caracals**, **blackbuck**, Blacknaped hare and chinkara,
- The park is rich in birds with about 272 species recorded so far.

**Other Protected Areas in Rajasthan:**

- **Sariska National Park**, Alwar
- **Desert National Park**, Jaisalmer
- Keoladeo National Park, Bharatpur
- **Sajjangerh wildlife sanctuary**, Udaipur
- **National Chambal Sanctuary** (on tri-junction of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh)