

## Kambalakonda Wildlife Sanctuary

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### Kambalakonda Wildlife Sanctuary Latest News

Andhra Pradesh High Court recently agreed to advance the hearing of a public interest litigation (PIL) for protecting Kambalakonda Wildlife Sanctuary, Mudasarlova drinking water reservoir, and the surrounding natural water streams in Visakhapatnam.

### About Kambalakonda Wildlife Sanctuary

- It is located **near Visakhapatnam city** in the state of **Andhra Pradesh**.
- Spread across the rolling **Eastern Ghats**, it covers more than 70 sq.km.
- The sanctuary derives its name from the **local hillock Kambalakonda**.
- **Topography**: It constitutes a **hilly terrain** having steep slopes.
- **Vegetation**: It hosts **dry evergreen forests**, a highly threatened and **unique forest type** seen **only in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh** in India.
- **Flora**:
  - Several species of flora found in the sanctuary are representatives of Eastern Ghats.

- Some of the prominent species of flora include *Abrus precatorius*, *Grewia tiliaefolia*, *Catunaregam spinosa*, *Tectona grandis*, and others.
- One of the most **stunning flowers** found in the region includes the **Indian screw tree**.
- Other flowers and fruits, like flowers of the **Bush plum tree, Jungle berry bunches**, can be found all across the landscape.

- **Fauna:**

- **Indian Leopard** is regarded as the **indicator species** of the sanctuary.
- Other fauna include **Indian Jackal, Chital, Indian Pangolin, Indian Muntjac**, Indian Leopard, Partridges, Quails, Treepie, Asian Paradise-flycatcher, Chameleon, Indian Cobra and many more.

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