

Nagarjunasagar-Srisaillam Tiger Reserve

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Recently, the forest Department officials have stepped up plans to resume the proposed tiger enclosure project in the Nallamala-Nagarjunasagar-Srisaillam Tiger Reserve (NSTR) to care for injured, abandoned or orphaned tiger cubs.

About Nagarjunasagar-Srisaillam Tiger Reserve

- **Location:** It is located in the **Nallamala hill ranges of Andhra Pradesh**.
- It is one of the **largest tiger reserves in India**.
- It is named after two major dams in the area, **Nagarjuna Sagar Dam and Srisaillam Dam**.
- Two wildlife sanctuaries, namely **Rajiv Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary** and **Gundla Brahmeswaram Wildlife Sanctuary** (GBM), constitute the NSTR.
- **Rivers:** The **River Krishna** traverses through this reserve.
- The reserve holds significant importance with ancient temples like the **Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple** at Srisaillam and several archaeological sites, including Buddhist relics from the **Nagarjuna Konda area**.

- **Topography:** It consists of plateaus, ridges, gorges, and deep valleys.
- **Vegetation:** It mainly consists of **Tropical dry deciduous forests** having an undergrowth of bamboo and grass.
- **Flora:** The habitat has several endemics like *Andrographis nallamalayana*, *Eriolaena lushingtonii*, *Crotalaria madurensis* Var, *Dicliptera beddomei*, and *Premna hamiltonii*.
- **Fauna:** Tiger, Leopard, Wolf, Wild Dog and Jackal, Sambar, Chital, Chowsingha, Chinkara, Mouse Deer, Wild boar, and Porcupine etc.

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