

Kuldiha Wildlife Sanctuary

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A 26-year-old farmer was critically injured in a suspected leopard attack in the Kuldiha Wildlife Sanctuary in the Balasore district recently.

About Kuldiha Wildlife Sanctuary

- It is situated in the Balasore District of **Odisha**.
- It is spread across the **Chota Nagpur Plateau** region.
- It covers an area about 300 sq.km., **connected to Simlipal National Park through hills** called **Sukhupada and Nato**.
- It is characterized by its complex topography, which includes rolling hills, valleys, and plateaus that contribute to its microclimates.
- The local **tribal communities**, including the **Santhal and Munda**, maintain a deep-rooted spiritual connection to Kuldiha.

- The sanctuary is also home to unique **geological formations**, such as the **ancient rock shelters** adorned with **petroglyphs** that date back thousands of years.
- **Vegetation**: It contains **mixed deciduous forest**.
- **Flora**: It is dominated by species such as **Sal** (*Shorea robusta*) and **various bamboo species**.
- **Fauna**:
 - The dense forests of the region are home to wild animals like the **elephants, leopards, deer, bison** and Malabar giant squirrels.
 - The forest also houses a variety of birds. Some of them are like **white-rumped shama, parrot, hornbills**, and peafowl.

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