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In a significant boost to tiger conservation in western Maharashtra, a third tigress was released into the wild at the Sahyadri Tiger Reserve (STR) recently.

About Sahyadri Tiger Reserve (STR)

- It is located in the **Sahyadri Ranges** of the **Western Ghats** in **Maharashtra**.
- It is the **northernmost tiger habitat** in the **Western Ghats**.
- It is the **first tiger reserve of Western Maharashtra** and the fourth tiger reserve of the State.
- It is spread over two protected areas of **Koyana Sanctuary (KWLS)** and **Chandoli National Park (CNP)**.
- The central portion of STR is occupied by the “**Shivsagar**” **reservoir of the Koyana River** and the “**Vasant Sagar**” **reservoir of the Warana River**.
- The habitat of Sahyadri is composed of **woodlands, grasslands, and plateaus**, the **latter locally referred to as “Sadaa”**, which are **lateritic in nature** with considerable habitat value.
- **Vegetation:**

- The forest cover here is that of **moist evergreen, semi-evergreen, moist, and dry deciduous** vegetation.
- It is the **only place where climax and near-climax vegetation are plentiful** and prospects of **adverse anthropogenic influence in the future** are **minimal**.
- **Flora:**
 - Dense tree cover includes species such as **teak, bamboo, Indian laurel**, and jamun.
 - **Medicinal plants** like **Asparagus racemosus** and **Aegle marmelos** grow abundantly.
 - Unique Western Ghats **endemics, including rare orchids** and shrubs, flourish in the reserve's humid microclimates.
- **Fauna:**
 - It is home to the endangered species of top carnivores such as **Tiger, Wild dog, and Leopard**.
 - The herbivores include **Gaur, Sambar, Four Horned Antelope**, Mouse Deer, and Giant Squirrel.
 - The habitat also supports **hornbills**, and many other endemic birds.

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