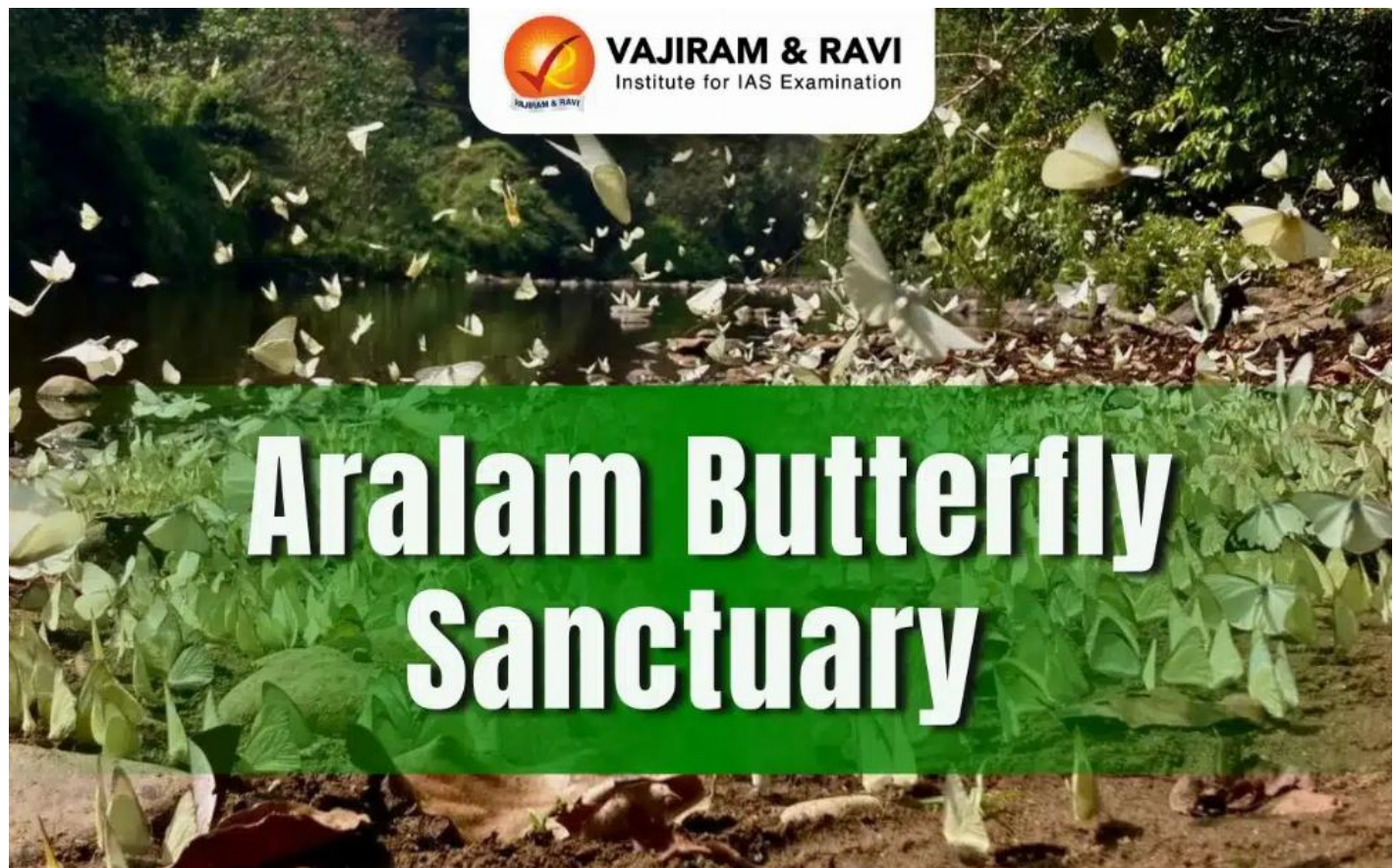


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The Kerala government has officially renamed the Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary the Aralam Butterfly Sanctuary, making it the first butterfly sanctuary in the State.

About Aralam Butterfly Sanctuary

- **Location:** It is located in the **state of Kerala**.
- It shares boundaries with the **Brahmagiri Wildlife Sanctuary** in Karnataka, the **Kottiyoor Wildlife Sanctuary**, and the North Wayanad forest division.
- **Vegetation:** It consists of **evergreen and semi-evergreen forests**.
- **Rivers:** The **Cheenkanni River**, originating from the Brahmagiri ranges, flows through the dense forests of Aralam.
- The region is known for large-scale **butterfly migration and mud-puddling** and is also a special habitat of the **Schedule 1 Slender loris**.

- **Fauna:** It is home to over **266 species of butterflies**, accounting for more than 80 percent of all butterflies in Kerala. Some of these are unique to this region, while others are endangered.
 - Every January or February, the **sanctuary holds a Butterfly Migration** Study, which celebrates this seasonal movement and deepens our understanding of these pollinators.
 - In addition to butterflies, Aralam is home to several animals, including elephants, giant squirrels, leopards, and a variety of birds.

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