

Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve

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A four-year-old tigress that wandered into Chhattisgarh's Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve (USTR) earlier this year and stayed through the scorching summer months has kindled fresh hopes for a reserve.

About Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve

- **Location:** It is located in the state of **Chhattisgarh**.
- It was established by joining the regions represented by **Sitanadi and Udanti wildlife sanctuaries**.
- **Rivers:** The drainage system of the **reserve consists of the Mahanadi as the main river**, along with the Udanti, Sitanadi, Indravan, and Pairi Rivers as tributaries.
- The location of the reserve is strategic since it also connects with the Kanker and North Kondagaon forest divisions, forming a **contiguous forest corridor to Indravati Tiger Reserve in the Bastar region**.
- There are 19 named mountains in the reserve. **Deo Dongri** is the **highest point**. The most prominent mountain is **Atānga Dongar**.
- **Vegetation:** The forest type here is predominantly **tropical dry and moist deciduous**.

- **Flora:** The forest is dominated by Sal (*Shorea robusta*), which forms dense patches across the landscape.
 - Alongside, species such as Teak (*Tectona grandis*), Bamboo, Tendu, Mahua, Bija, and Harra contribute to the green diversity of the region.
- **Fauna:** It is home to the last few herds of the highly endangered **Wild Buffalo**, tiger, Indian Wolf, Leopard, Sloth Bear, and Mouse Deer etc.

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