

Barak Bhuban wildlife sanctuary

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About Barak Bhuban wildlife sanctuary:

- **Location:** It is located in Assam's **Barak Valley**. (The Barak Valley also houses the **Borail Wildlife Sanctuary**).
- It is nestled between the **Barak and Sonai rivers**.
- It is named after the second-largest river in the northeast and is spread across three districts – Cachar, Hailakandi and Karimganj.
- **Fauna:**
 - It serves as a critical habitat for a diverse range of wildlife.
 - Eight primate species, including the **slow loris, rhesus macaque, and hoolock gibbon**, find refuge here. The sanctuary is also known to be a vital habitat for the **king cobra**.

Key facts about the Barak Valley

- It is located in the **Southern part of Assam**.
- It is named after the river Barak, the largest river of the valley and second largest of Northeast India.
- The area shares its border with other states like **Meghalaya** in the north, Manipur in the east, Tripura and Mizoram in the south, and is flanked with the transnational **boundary of Bangladesh in the south**.

- It is a part of the **Indo Myanmar biodiversity hotspot**.
 - Approximately 4.8% geographical area of the valley is covered by tea plantations and remaining most of the hillock areas are either in home gardens or under reserve forests.
 - **Vegetation:** The forests in the valley are **tropical evergreen, semi-evergreen, tropical deciduous**, and secondary and there are large tracts of rainforests in the northern and southern eastern parts of the valley.
 - **Climate:** The climate of the valley is characterized by subtropical, warm and humid.
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Q1: What is biodiversity?

It is that part of nature that includes the variety of genes among the individuals of a species, the variety and richness of all the plant and animal species in an ecosystem and various types of ecosystems on the earth.

Source: NGT stays road work inside Barak Bhuban wildlife sanctuary, issues notices to Assam and Centre

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