

Tipeshwar Wildlife Sanctuary

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The Nagpur bench of Bombay high court recently sought responses from Maharashtra govt, forest authorities, and several resort operators over allegations of resort construction and commercial activities within the eco-sensitive zone surrounding Tipeshwar wildlife sanctuary.

About Tipeshwar Wildlife Sanctuary

- It is located in the district of Yavatmal, **Maharashtra**.
- Spanning across 148.63 sq.km., the sanctuary derives its name from the nearby '**Goddess Tipai**' shrine located in the Tipeshwar village.
- Mainly, the sanctuary sprawls amongst the Patanbori and Parwa Ranges of the **Pandarkawad Forest Division**.
- **Four rivers—Purna, Krishna, Bhima, and Tapti**—flow gracefully through the sanctuary, earning it the poetic title "**Green Oasis of Eastern Maharashtra**."
- The land here is rich with **basaltic soil**, a remnant of **ancient volcanic activity**.

- The sanctuary is home to **several villages** whose inhabitants rely on the forest for their daily livelihoods.
- **Flora:**
 - The forests of Tipeshwar primarily consist of **Southern Tropical Dry Deciduous Forests**, with **Teak** (*Tectona grandis*) dominating the landscape, covering nearly **60% of the area**.
 - Adding to the richness of the forest, **red sandalwood** (*Pterocarpus santalinus*) thrives here, a highly prized timber species known for its medicinal and commercial value.
 - Other prominent trees that form a dense green canopy include **Achar** (*Helicteres isora*), **Mahua** (*Madhuca longifolia*), **Lendia** (*Lagerstroemia parviflora*), and Bhirra (*Chloroxylon swietenia*).
- **Fauna:**
 - The place shelters a wide array of animals that include **Hyena, Chital, Black buck, Sambar, Jackal, Wild boar, Peacock**, Monkey, Blue bull, Wild cat, Bear, and many more.
 - The sanctuary is also home to several species of **birds**, including the **peafowl, grey junglefowl, Indian roller**, and several species of raptors.

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