

Chincholi Wildlife Sanctuary

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About Chincholi Wildlife Sanctuary:

- It is located in the Kalburgi District of North **Karnataka**.
- It was declared a sanctuary in 2011 and extends over 134.88 sq.km.
- It is the **first dry land wildlife sanctuary in South India**.
- It is also called the **Ooty of Telangana**.
- Apart from the **Chandrapalli dam**, four small dams also exist at its center.
- The sanctuary is also home to the **Lambani Tandas** – a **protected tribal community** that lives in the forests.
- **Flora:**
 - The sanctuary has good **dry deciduous and moist deciduous forest in the core** with **Acacia and Teak plantations on the fringes**.
 - **Medicinal herbs, sandalwood, and red sanders** trees are also found in this wildlife sanctuary.
- **Fauna:**

- It is home to fauna like **Black Buck, Common Fox, Four-horned Antelope**, Fruit bat, Hyena, Indian Wolf, etc.
 - Over **35 species of birds**, including **Black Drongo, Black-winged Kite**, Blossom-headed Parakeet, Blue pigeon, Black-headed Oriole, and Grey partridge, are also found in this sanctuary.
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Q1: Which is the first wildlife sanctuary in India?

The first wildlife sanctuary in India is Jim Corbett National Park, established in 1936. It was originally named Hailey National Park and is located in Uttarakhand. It was later renamed in honor of Jim Corbett, a British-Indian hunter turned conservationist.

Source: Forest Dept. to relocate Sheribikanahalli hamlet from Chincholi Wildlife Sanctuary

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