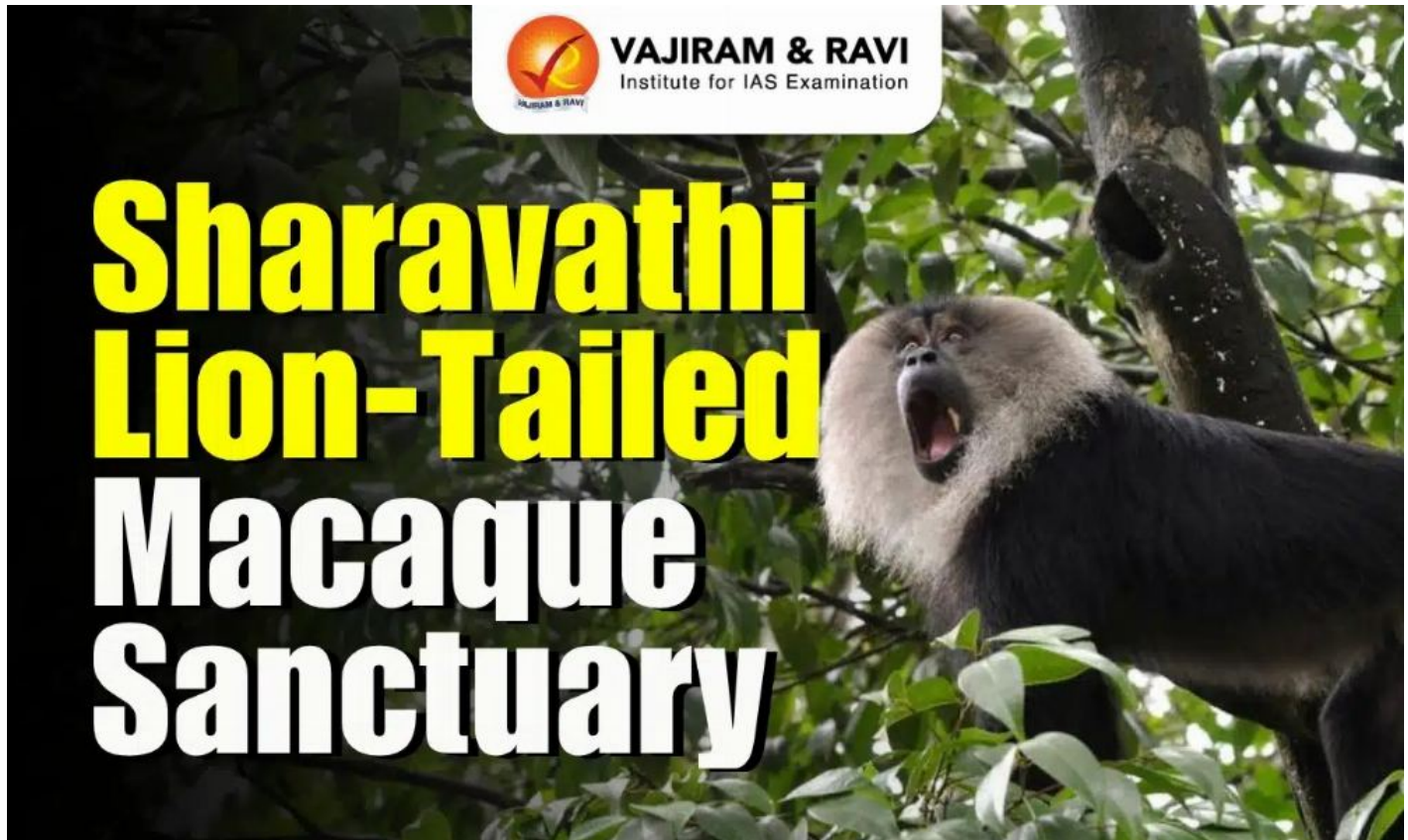


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A Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change expert committee on the proposal for diversion of forest and non-forest land from the Sharavathi Valley Lion-Tailed Macaque Wildlife Sanctuary and its eco-sensitive zone has strongly recommended against approving the proposed 2000 MW Sharavathi Pumped Storage Project.

### About Sharavathi Lion-Tailed Macaque Sanctuary

- It is located in Shimoga District in **Karnataka**.
- It lies in the **Western Ghats**.
- It was formed by **combining** the existing **Sharavathi Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, Aghanashini Lion-Tailed Macaque Conservation Reserve**, and the adjoining reserve forest blocks.
- The sanctuary shares its **southwestern boundary** with the **Mookambika Wildlife Sanctuary**.
- The sanctuary is **nourished by the Sharavathi River**. The **Linganamakki reservoir** spread over an area of 128.7 kms, is a part of this sanctuary.
- Terrain: The overall terrain of the sanctuary is highly undulating, with altitude ranging from 94 m to 1102 m.

- The spectacular **Jog Falls**, where water **from the Sharavathi River** falls from a height of almost 300 m, is present on the **northern boundary** of the sanctuary.
- **Vegetation:** It mainly consists of **tropical evergreen to semi-evergreen** types of forests, **moist deciduous forests**, and grasslands and savanna.
- **Flora:** The sanctuary is immensely rich in species like **Dhoopa, Gulmavu, Surahonne**, Mavu, Nandi, etc.
- **Fauna:**
  - It is home to the **endangered lion-tailed macaque** (*Macaca silenus*), **tiger, leopard, wild dog, jackal**, sloth bear, spotted deer, sambar, barking deer, mouse deer, etc.
  - It is home to approximately 700 **lion-tailed macaques — the highest population** of the endangered species in any protected area.

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