

Kawal Tiger Reserve

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The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) recently identified Kawal Tiger Reserve in Telangana as a 'priority recipient site' for tiger recovery.

About Kawal Tiger Reserve

- It is located in the state of **Telangana**.
- It is along the **banks of the river Godavari**, forming part of the **Deccan peninsula-central highlands**.
- The reserve is nestled in the **Sahyadri Mountain Ranges**.
- Geographically, the reserve is situated at the **southernmost tip of the Central Indian Tiger Landscape**, having **linkages with the Tadoba-Andhari (Maharashtra) and Indravati (Chhattisgarh) tiger reserves**.
- **Rivers:** It is a major catchment of the river **Godavari** and local **rivulets like Peddavagu and Kadam**.
- **Habitat:** It has diverse habitats comprising dense forests, grasslands, rivers, streams, and water bodies.
- **Vegetation:** **Southern Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest**.

- **Flora:** It consists of **teak along with bamboo** and other species like *Anogeissus latifolia*, *Mitragyna parviflora*, *Terminalia crenulata*, *Terminalia arjuna*, *Boswellia serrata*, etc.
- **Fauna:**
 - It has a faunal diversity which is **typical of the Deccan Plateau**.
 - The major wild animals include: **tiger, nilgai, chousinga, chinkara**, black buck, sambar, spotted deer, wild dog, wolf, jackal, fox, leopard, and the jungle cat.

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