

Lachipora Wildlife Sanctuary

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District Magistrate Baramulla recently ordered the immediate closure of 14 gypsum mining units operating within the prohibited 1-km radius of Lachipora Wildlife Sanctuary.

About Lachipora Wildlife Sanctuary

- It is situated in the Baramulla district of **Jammu and Kashmir** near the village of Lachipora.
- It is located on the **northern banks of the Jhelum** River.
- Established in 1987, the sanctuary was primarily **created to protect** the **endangered Markhor, a wild goat species** known for its **distinctive twisted horns**.
- It is spread over an area of 141 sq.km.
- The sanctuary's elevation ranges from **1,630 to 3,300 meters**, contributing to **alpine meadows** and rich biodiversity.
- The sanctuary features a diverse landscape with gentle to **steep slopes and rocky cliffs**.

- **Flora:** It supports a variety of flora, including **coniferous forests** of deodar, Himalayan white pine, and blue pine, and **broadleaf forests** with trees like birch, horse chestnut, West Himalayan fir, and Persian walnut.
- **Fauna:**
 - It is particularly renowned for being the habitat of the **endangered Hangul deer**, often referred to as the **Kashmir stag**.
 - It is also home to several other mammal species, such as the **Himalayan black bear, Snow leopard, Musk deer**, and many more.
 - Lachipora is also designated as an **Important Bird Area (IBA)**. It is home to the **vulnerable Western Tragopan bird** species.

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