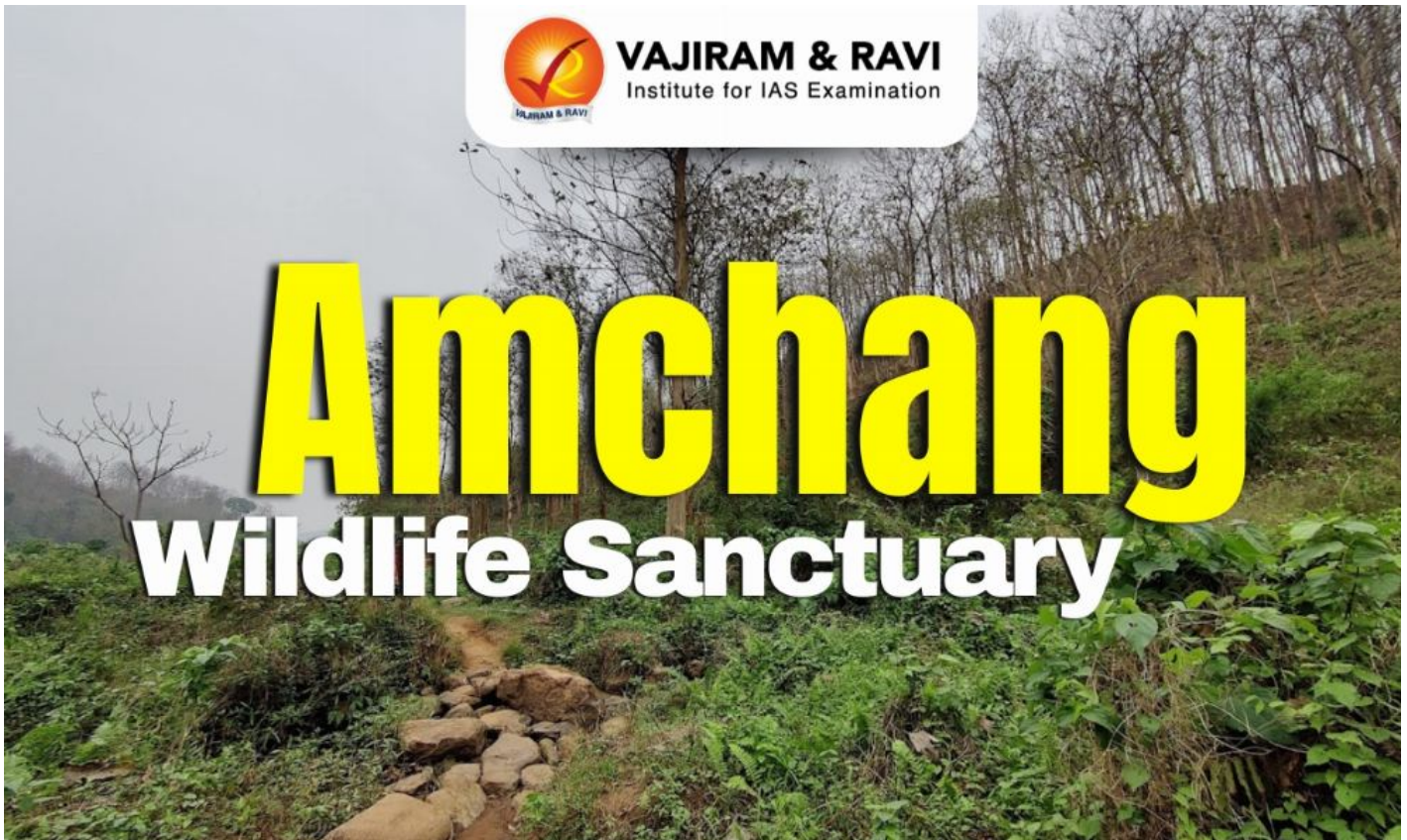


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The Gauhati High Court recently directed the Assam govt to respond to a petition alleging that the forest department floated an e-tender for felling trees in Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary without obtaining mandatory forest clearance from the central govt.

About Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary

- It is located in the **eastern fringe of Guwahati** city in **Assam**.
- The sanctuary was formed by merging three reserve forest areas: South Amchang Reserve Forest, Amchang Reserve Forest, and Khanapara Reserve Forest.
- It **stretches from the Brahmaputra River in the north to the hilly forests of Meghalaya in the south**, forming a continuous forest belt through Meghalaya's Maradakdola Reserve Forests.
- **Vegetation:** Khasi Hill Sal Forests, East Himalayan Mixed Deciduous Forest, Eastern Alluvial Secondary Semi-evergreen Forests, and East Himalayan Sal Forests.

- **Flora:** The forest is **dominated by teak, white iris, axle wood**, terminalia, wild java plum, elephant rope tree, beechwood, bitter champa, black dammer tree, cluster fig, and arjun trees.
- **Fauna:**
 - Among the mammals found here are **Asian elephants, leopards, fishing cat, Asian palm civet**, tadpole, different species of monkeys, gaur or Indian bison, sambar, barking deer, porcupines, mongooses, wild pigs, rabbit, **flying squirrel**, and otter.
 - It shelters both resident and migratory birds such a jungle fowl, doves, egrets, teals, partridges, woodpeckers, hornbills, kingfishers, bulbuls, and many others.
 - **Tree yellow butterflies** (gancana harina) are also found at the Amchang wildlife sanctuary. These butterflies are **indigenous to Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, and Northeast India**.

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