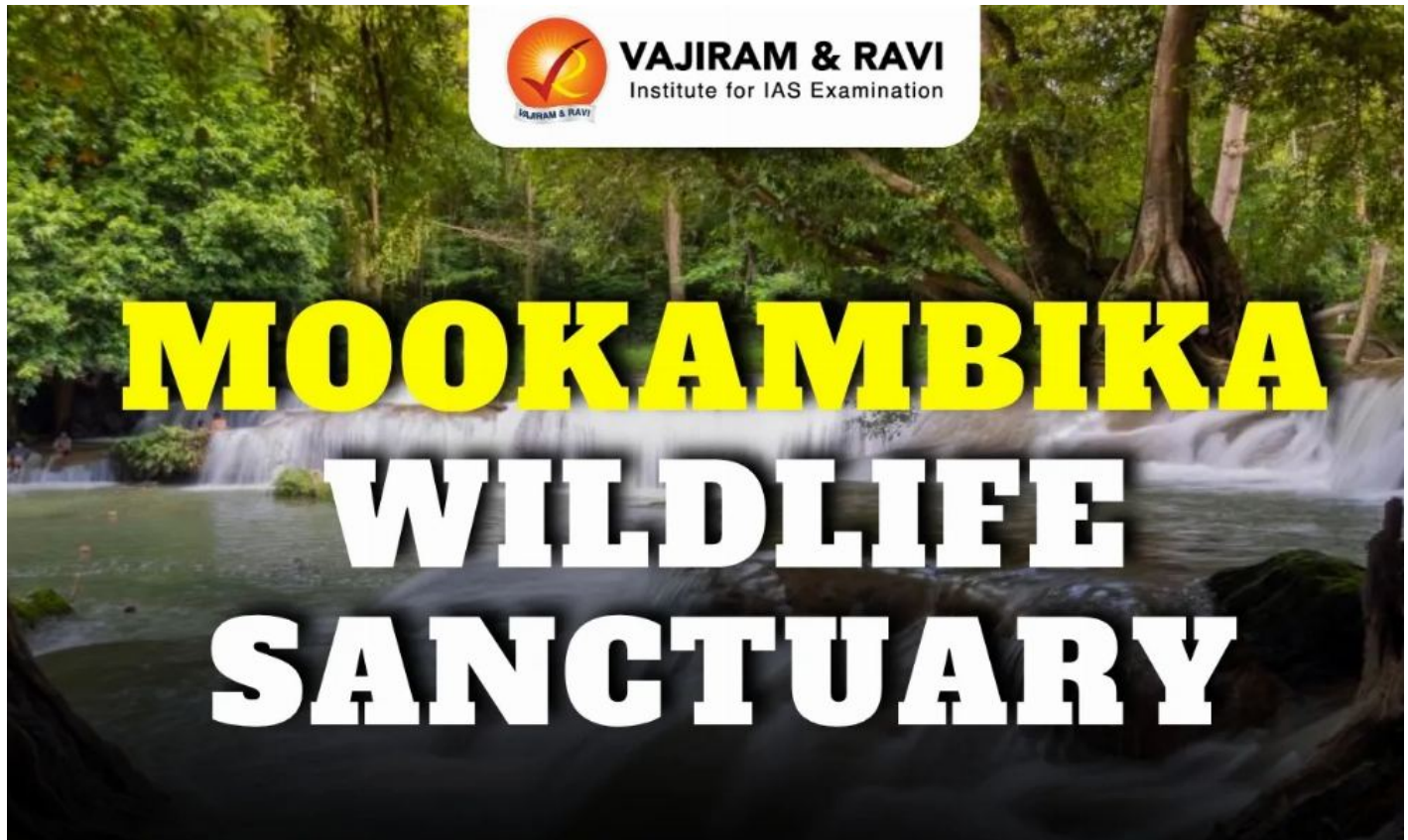


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Sewage from commercial activities related to religious tourism in Kollur has emerged as a threat to the Mookambika Wildlife Sanctuary in Udupi district, with the depleted Souparnika river carrying sewage and sludge to the core area in summer.

About Mookambika Wildlife Sanctuary

- It is located in the Udupi district of **Karnataka**.
- Set in the **Western Ghats**, the sanctuary covers an area of approximately 370 sq.km.
- The sanctuary is **named after** the **presiding deity** of the **Kollur Mookambika Temple**, which is located within its boundaries.
- It forms a vital **connecting link between Someshwara Wildlife Sanctuary** located on the southern side and **Sharavathi Wildlife Sanctuary** located on the northern side.
- At the heart of the sanctuary lies the revered **Kodachadri Peak**, often referred to as a **“botanical paradise.”**

- The sanctuary boasts **two significant rivers** – River **Chakra** and River **Souparnika**.
- It is home to many beautiful **waterfalls** such as **Koosalli waterfalls** and **Belkal Theertha waterfalls**.
- **Vegetation:** The vegetation type is a **mix of evergreen, semi-evergreen, and moist deciduous forests covering the steep slopes** typical of the Western Ghats Mountains.
- **Flora:**
 - Some of the eminent tree species are found in this region, including trees like **Dipterocarpus Indicus, Calophyllum Tomentosum**, and Hopea Parviflora.
 - A **rare species of the climber, Coscinium Fenestratum**, is found here.
 - **Small patches of teak plantations** are also there.
- **Fauna:** It is known for the presence of **rare animals** like the **slender loris and lion-tailed macaque**, alongside larger wildlife such as **tiger, leopard, sloth bear**, sambar deer, chital, wild pig, barking deer, gaur, porcupine, and otter.

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