

Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary

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Madhya Pradesh wildlife officials have initiated plans to introduce a female cheetah to the Gandhi Sagar wildlife sanctuary.

About Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary

- **Location:** It is situated in **northwestern Madhya Pradesh**, along the Madhya Pradesh-Rajasthan border and lies within **the Khathiar-Gir dry deciduous forests ecoregion**.
- **Key features:**
 - It was declared a sanctuary in 1974, covering an area of 368 sq. km.
 - **Rivers:** The **Chambal River** flows through the sanctuary, dividing it into two parts.
 - It is a designated **Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA)**.
 - The sanctuary houses sites of historical and archaeological significance, such as Chaurasigarh, Chaturbhujnath Temple, Bhadkaji rock paintings, Hinglajgarh Fort, and Taxakeshwar Temple.

- **Topography and Vegetation:** The sanctuary includes hills, plateaus, and the catchment area of the Gandhi Sagar Dam.
- **Vegetation:** Northern tropical dry deciduous forest, Northern tropical dry mixed deciduous forest, Dry deciduous scrub.
- **Flora:** It mainly consists of Khair, Salai, Kardhai, Dhawda, Tendu, and Palash trees.
- **Fauna:** Chinkara, Nilgai, and Spotted Deer, Indian Leopard, Striped Hyena, and Jackal etc.

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