

# India Tiger Census 2023

## India Is Now Home To 75% Of Tigers In World

### Why In The News?

- **July 29 Marks International Tiger Day.** Indian Tigers Are Considered To Be The Most Ferocious Of All Tiger Breeds, And In Recent Times, The Number Of Tigers Has Seen An Increase In The Country, An **Annual Rise Of 6 Per Cent**, According To The Latest Government Data.

### India's Efforts Bore Fruit

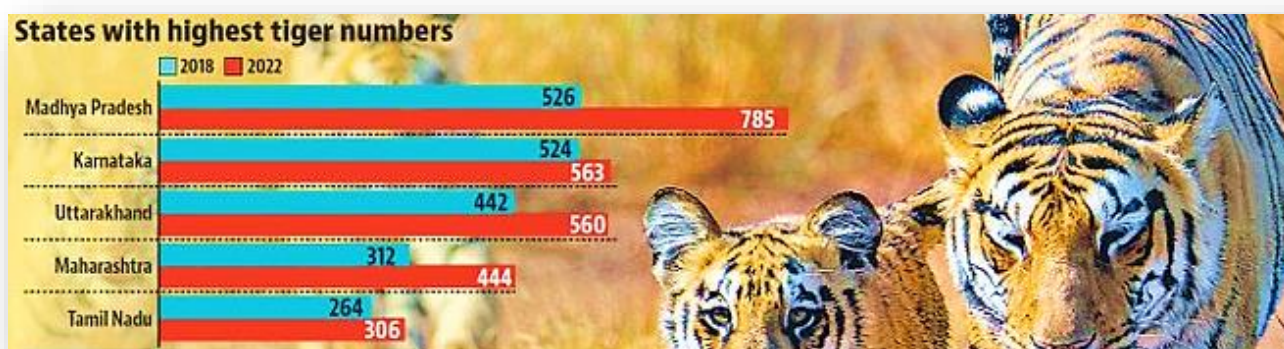
- India Recorded A **23.5% Increase In Tiger Population Between 2018 And 2022**, Taking The Number Of Big Cats In The Wild To **3,682**, More Than The Initially Estimated **3,167** And Accounting For **75% of The Tigers In The World**.



- In April, PM Modi Released An Interim Estimation Of 3,167 Tigers. **India Had 2,197 Tigers In 2018, Up From 1,411 Tigers In 2006.** The Increase Shows The Success Of **Project Tiger Launched On April 1, 1973**, & **National Tiger Conservation Authority Was Established In December 2005.**

### Considering The Statistics

- Around **80% Of The Tigers (2,885)** Now Reside In Eight Of The 18 Tiger States, Including Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Uttarakhand, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu And Assam. **Madhya Pradesh Has The Highest Tiger Population Of 785**, Followed By 563 In Karnataka And 444 In Maharashtra.



- The **Central Indian And Western Ghats** Landscapes Have Contributed 2,526 Tigers To The Total Number, Making Them The **Densest Tiger Regions In The World**, According To State-wise Estimation.
- On The Individual Score, **Corbett National Park In Uttarakhand And Kaziranga National Park In Assam** Continue To Be **Most Densely Populated Tiger Reserves**, With 260 And 104 Tiger, Respectively, With Bandhavgarh In Madhya Pradesh And Bandipore In Karnataka In Close Pursuit.
- Globally, The Number Of Tigers Increased From **3,890 In 2016 To 5,575 In 2023**, With **India And Nepal Doubling The Numbers**, Said A Statement From The Global Tiger Forum.

**States with lowest tiger numbers**

State	2018	2022	State	2018	2022
Nagaland	0	0	Jharkhand	3	1
Mizoram	0	0	Goa	3	5
			Arunachal	29	9

## Growth Outside The Reserves

- In Madhya Pradesh, **137 Of The 785 Tigers** Were Found Outside The Six Reserves. In Maharashtra, Of The **444 Tigers**, **At Least 80** Were Found To Be Outside The Six Notified Tiger Habitats.
- In Karnataka, **136 Of The 563 Tigers** Were Found Outside The Five Tiger Reserves. Similarly, In Uttarakhand, **73 Tigers** Were Found Outside The Two Reserves Corbett And Rajaji National Park Of The Total **560**.

- The Number Of Tigers Outside The Reserve Is An Indicator Of The **Health Of The Corridors**. For Instance, The Green Connectivity Between Kanha And Pench Tiger Reserves Is Very Good And Therefore The Entire Landscape Has Seen A Good Rise In Tiger Population.
- Also, **Good Forest Cover** In The State Supports The Growth Of Tigers. Shows **Better Wildlife Management** In Tiger Reserves. **Poaching Activities** Have Been Checked Compared To The Past. **Minimized Human Conflict** By Shifting Villages Out of The Reserve.

