# Dibru Saikhowa National Park

**Why in News?**

*Recently the Environment Ministry's forest advisory committee recommended the R&D proposal on Extended Reach Drilling technology subject to the condition that it will be used purely for research purposes*

- Dibru Saikhowa National Park is a national park and biosphere reserve located in *Assam.*
- It is the ***largest salix swamp forest*** in northeast India.
- It is an identified Important Bird Area (IBA).
- The area was declared as Dibru Reserved Forest in 1890. In 1929, Saikhowa Reserve Forest was declared.
- It was declared as wildlife sanctuary in 1995. In 1997, Dibru-Saikhowa Biosphere Reserve was declared.
- Originally created to help conserve the habitat of the ***rare white-winged wood duck.***
- **Rivers -** The park is bounded by the Brahmaputra and Lohit Rivers in the north and Dibru River in the south.
- **Forest type -** Dibru-Saikhowa comprises of semi-evergreen forests, deciduous forests, littoral and swamp forests and patches of wet evergreen forests.
- The Park is renowned for natural regeneration of ***Salix trees.*** It is famed for ***Ferral horses.***
- **Fauna -** 36 species of mammals have so far been recorded.

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| Tiger | Squirrels | Hoolock Gibbon |
| Elephant | Gangetic Dolphin | Wild Pigs |
| Leopard | Slow Loris | Sambar |
| Jungle Cat | Assamese Macague | Barking Deer |
| Bears | Rhesus Macaque | Water Buffalo |
| Small Indian Civet | Capped Langur | |

- **Birds –** It have more than 382 species of Birds.

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| Greater Adjutant Stork | Large Whistling Teal | Spot Billed Pelican |
| Lesser Adjutant Stork | Grey leg Goose | **White Winged Wood Duck** |
| Greater Crested Grebe | Grey-headed Fishing Eagle | Baer's Pochard |
| Large Cormorant | Griffon Vulture | Greater Spotted Eagle |
| Open bill Stork | Osprey | Pale Capped Pigeon |
| Black necked Stork | Crested Serpent Eagle | Great Pied Hornbill |
| Marsh Babbler | Jerdon's Babbler | Black Breasted Parrot bill |

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