Madhav National Park

Why in News?

Madhav National Park becomes India's 58th tiger reserve and 9th tiger reserve in Madhya Pradesh recently.

- **Location -** It is situated in Shivpuri region of Madhya Pradesh.
- It is situated on the northern fringe of the Central Highlands of India forming a part of the Upper Vindhyan Hills intermixed with plateaus, and valley sections.
- **Notified in -** 1958.
- The park named after ***Madho Rao Scindia***, the former Maharaja of Gwalior was formerly a royal hunting area.
- **Vegetation -** The Park represents the Northern Tropical dry deciduous mixed forest as well as dry thorn forest, typical of North-Western Madhya Pradesh.
    - Kardhai is the dominant tree species.
- **Lakes -** Sakhya Sagar, man-made (Ramsar site in 2022) and Madhav Sagar
    - Marsh Crocodiles are in abundance in Sakhya Sagar lake.
- **Aquatic Life -** Includes a variety of water basins, meadows, and woodlands.
- **Fauna** - The forest is home to antelopes like Nilgai, Chinkara and Chowsinga and Deer including Chital, Sambar and Barking Deer.
- Animals like the Leopard, Wolf, Jackal, Fox, Wild Dog, Wild Pig, Porcupine, Python etc are also sighted in the park.

Reference

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