# Pilibhit Tiger Reserve

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## Why in News?

*Recently, an adult male tiger was found dead in Pilibhit Tiger Reserve (PTR), marking the 27th tiger death in the reserve since 2012.*

- **Location –** Pilibhit district, Uttar Pradesh, Lies along the _Indo–Nepal border._
- It is **_part of the Terai Arc Landscape in the upper Gangetic Plain._**
- **Established in –** 2008.
- **Under –** Section 38V of the **_Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972._**
- **Approved by –** _National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)_, statutory body under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) responsible for tiger conservation in India.
- It was designated as **_India's 46th Tiger Reserve._**

*Once declared, the state cannot de-notify a tiger reserve without the approval of the NTCA and the National Board for Wildlife.*

- **Rivers & Water Bodies –** The **_river Gomti originates from the reserve_**, which is also the catchment of several others, like Sharda, Chuka, and Mala Khannot.
- **Vegetation & Flora –** The habitat is characterised by the _North Indian moist deciduous type, having the sal forests_, tall grasslands and swamps, maintained by periodic flooding from rivers.
- It is unique because it is one of the few **_"alluvial" grasslands_** in the world, similar to the Kaziranga ecosystem.
- **Fauna –** Tiger, leopard, fishing cat, swamp deer, spotted deer, hog deer, sambar, sloth bear, Bengal florican, gharial, etc.
- **Corridor Connectivity –** Directly linking _Kishanpur Wildlife Sanctuary_ to the southeast and _Shuklaphanta National Park (Nepal)_ via the Lagga-

Bagga corridor to the northeast.

- It also connects the Terai forests to Uttarakhand's Nandaur and Corbett landscapes, ensuring a continuous path for tigers, elephants, and rhinos across the Indo-Nepal border.
- **Special Significance -** One of the best examples of Terai ecosystem in India.
- Won the ***TX2 Award (2020)*** for doubling its tiger population

## References

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