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### Pro-tem Speaker of Lok Sabha

*A senior Congress member is expected to be appointed as the pro-tem Speaker for the first session of the 18<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha.*

- **About** - A pro-tem Speaker is ordinarily elected for the **first sitting of a new legislative assembly** where the Speaker is yet to be elected.
- **Origin of the term**- Pro-tem is a Latin phrase which means “for the time being”.
- **Enshrined in** - The Constitution does not mention the post, but the official 'Handbook on the Working of Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs' details the 'Appointment and Swearing in of Speaker pro tem'.
- **Tenure**- The Pro tem Speaker is a **temporary speaker** appointed for a limited period of time.
- **Oath**-The **president administers** the oath of the office for the pro-tem speaker.
- Normally, 3 other elected members of the Lok Sabha are also appointed by the President for the MPs to take oath before them.
- They are administered the oath by the Speaker pro-tem in the Lok Sabha.
- **Duties**- Under **Article 188(1)**, it appears that a pro-tem Speaker only has the power to administer the oath to Assembly Members
  - The Pro-tem Speaker presides over the first sitting of the Lok Sabha, administers the oath of office to the newly elected MPs.
  - To conduct the vote for the speaker and deputy speaker.
  - On the election of new Speaker, the office of the pro tem speaker ceases to exist.
  - He also administers the floor test.

### Quick Facts

- **Article 93** - Lok Sabha shall choose 2 members of the House to be the [Speaker](#) and Deputy Speaker. The Speaker is the Presiding Officer of Lok Sabha.
- The Speaker and deputy speaker of the Lok Sabha is decided by a **simple majority** (more than 50% of members present and voting).
- **Article 94** - Speaker of the House of the People remain in office until just before the first meeting of the newly elected House following a dissolution.
- **Article 99** - Every member of either House of Parliament shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before the President according to the form set out for the purpose in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Schedule.

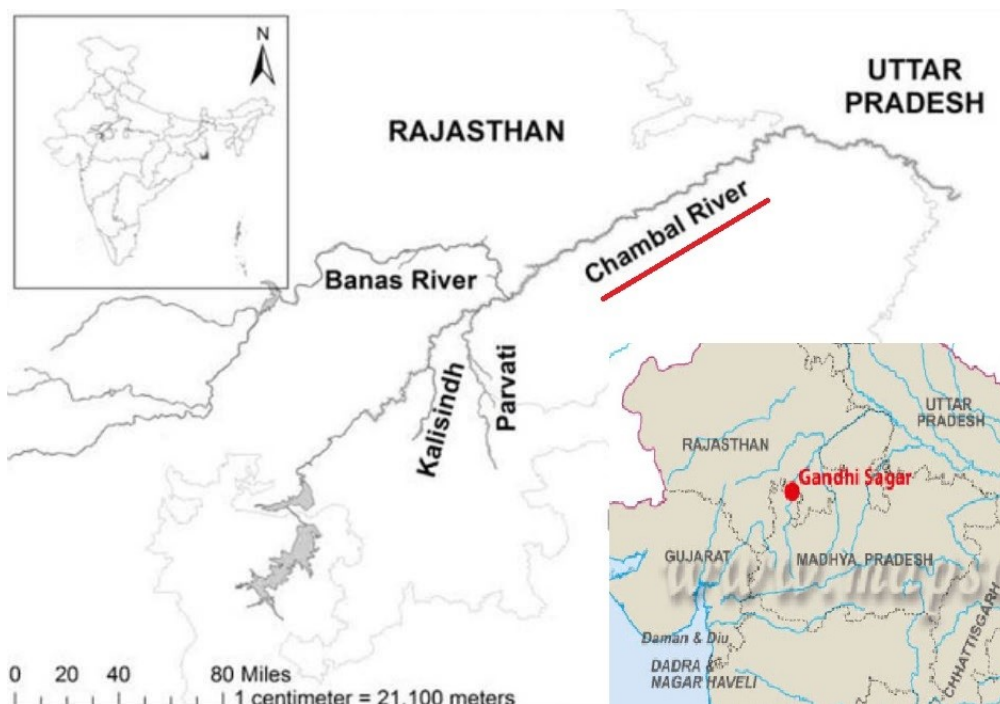
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## Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary

*The Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary is set to become the 2<sup>nd</sup> home for cheetahs in India, after the Kuno National Park.*

- Gandhi Sagar wildlife sanctuary is a sanctuary spread over the Gandhi Sagar dam backwater.
- It was notified in 1974 and added to the list of sanctuary in 1984.
- **Location** - The sanctuary is spread across the districts of Mandsaur and Neemuch in **Western Madhya Pradesh**.
- This region is known a Nimar region which touches its border with **Rajasthan**.
- **Physiography**- It sits atop a **flat rocky plateau**, with the **Chambal River** cutting the sanctuary into two almost equal halves.

*The Chambal River is a tributary of the Yamuna River, Chambal rises in the Vindhya Range, Madhya Pradesh and thus forms part of the greater Gangetic drainage system.*



- **Forest type**- It has **Savanna ecosystem** (dry deciduous trees and shrubs) due to shallow topsoil.
- **Flora**- It has trees like Salai, Kardhai, Dhawda, Tendu, Palash etc.
- **Fauna**- It is known for some rare wildlife species like **Wild Dogs (Dholes)**, **Chinkara**, **Leopard**, **Otter**, **Mugger crocodile**.

*Chaturbhuj Nala rock shelters is situated within this sanctuary.*

### Quick Facts

- [Project Cheetah](#) - To establish a viable cheetah (flagship species) metapopulation in India and provides space for the expansion of the cheetah within its historical range.

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