

UP Government Initiates Efforts To Develop Ranipur Tiger Reserve Into Eco-Tourism Hotspot

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The Uttar Pradesh Government is all set to convert the Ranipur Tiger Reserve in Chitrakoot into a thriving eco-tourism destination. A comprehensive action plan has been devised, and the Forest Department has already initiated project implementation.

According to a government spokesperson, an estimated INR 38 lakh has been earmarked to upgrade tourist facilities within the reserve and bolster infrastructure in the surrounding buffer zone. Directives from the Deputy Director of the Ranipur Tiger Reserve/Divisional Officer in Chitrakoot have been instrumental in facilitating these endeavours.

Spanning over 230 sq km, Ranipur Tiger Reserve stands as Uttar Pradesh's fourth and India's 53rd tiger reserve. Situated 150 km from Madhya Pradesh's Panna Tiger Reserve, it is renowned for its vibrant wildlife population, including tigers, leopards, chinkara, bears, and sambar deer.

Recognising the substantial tourism potential of the region, the Uttar Pradesh Government has intensified developmental efforts within the tiger reserve. The development plan emphasises sustainable growth, ensuring strict adherence to environmental standards.



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A key focus of the ongoing development is creating a luxury tent area aimed at offering visitors a close-to-nature experience complemented by modern amenities. Additionally, the initiative includes enhancements to civic amenities within the forest and the establishment of well-maintained lawn areas and designated parking spaces.

The Forest Department has initiated implementing these projects, concentrating on enhancing tourist facilities and fortifying infrastructure in the buffer zone. The government spokesperson confirmed the allocation of approximately Rs 38 lakh for these crucial developments.

With these initiatives firmly in place, Ranipur Tiger Reserve is poised to emerge as a premier eco-tourism destination. It promises visitors an exceptional opportunity to explore nature's bounty while promoting sustainable tourism practices and safeguarding wildlife conservation efforts.

Ranipur Tiger Reserve

Established in 1977, Ranipur Tiger Reserve is located in Uttar Pradesh's Chitrakoot district. The sanctuary boasts diverse wildlife, including wolves, blue bulls, chinkaras, sambars, leopards, and blackbucks. Its rich flora includes bamboo, Palas, Khair, Salai, Tendu, and other plant species. Surrounded by hills, rivers, and seasonal streams, the reserve provides an ideal habitat for various wildlife, including the endangered Barasingha or swamp deer.