

Biodiversity heritage site

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Why is in news? Tamil Nadgets its first biodiversity heritage site

The Tamil Nadgovernment on Tuesday issued a notification declaring **Arittapatti and Meenakshipuram villages in Madurai district** the first biodiversity heritage site in the State.

Biodiversity heritage sites are well-defined areas that are unique, ecologically fragile ecosystems with high diversity of wild and domesticated species, presence of rare and threatened species, and keystone species.

The significance and aims of Biodiversity Heritage Site are outlined in Section 37 of the **Biological Diversity Act** of 2002.

India has many Biodiversity Heritage Sites in total and they have made it to the list because of their unique and fragile nature.

Ameenpur Lake, Telungana becomes the first Biodiversity Heritage Site in the country. Fish and birds return, but much remains to be done. On the western fringes of **Hyderabad**, surrounded by fantastic primordial rock formations, modern apartments, factories and a village, is a sprawling and ancient man-made lake.

Some of the biodiversity heritage sites are

- 1. Nallur Tamarind Grove Bangalore, Karnataka
- 2. Hogrekan Chikmagalur, Karnataka
- 3. University of Agricultural Sciences -Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 4. Ambaraguda Karnataka
- 5. Glory of Allapalli Maharashtra
- 6. TonglBHS and Dhotrey BHS under the Darjeeling Forest Division Darjeeling, West Bengal
- 7. Mandasar- Odisha
- 8. Dialong Village Manipur
- 9. Ameenpur lake Telangana
- 10. Majuli Assam
- 11. Gharial Rehabilitation Centre Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- 12. Chilkigarh Kanak Durga West Bengal
- 13. Purvatali Rai Goa

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| 14. Naro Hills - Madhya Pradesh | | |
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| 15. Asramam - Kerala | | |
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