



# Kanger Valley National Park & UNESCO Status

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- **The Basics:** Located in the **Bastar region of Chhattisgarh**, the park has been included in the **UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List** as of 2025.
- **Distinct Features:**
- **Geology:** Famous for limestone caves like **Kotumsar, Dandak, and Kailash** which host unique stalactites and stalagmites.
- **Biodiversity:** Home to the **Bastar Hill Myna** (State bird of Chhattisgarh).
- **Hydrology:** Features the **Tirathgarh Waterfalls**.
- **Significance:** UNESCO status would provide global recognition and boost "Responsible Tourism," providing livelihoods to the local tribal population.