



# Kawal Tiger Reserve: Wildlife Census 2026

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**News Context:** Forest officials in Telangana are conducting the All India Tiger Enumeration at the Kawal Tiger Reserve from January 19 to 26, 2026.

- **Strategic Location:** Kawal is situated at the southernmost tip of the Central Indian Tiger Landscape, acting as a vital corridor connecting Tadoba-Andhari (Maharashtra) and Indravati (Chhattisgarh).
- **Tiger Influx:** Officials are optimistic due to increased tiger movement from Maharashtra's Tadoba reserve via the Kagaznagar forest division, where hundreds of acres of encroached land were recently restored.
- **Technological Edge:** For the first time, the census involves volunteers alongside forest staff, using a combination of M-STrIPES (Monitoring System for Tigers-Intensive Protection and Ecological Status), pugmark tracking, and high-density camera traps.