



Kaziranga National Park

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Context: The Prime Minister inaugurated the **Kaziranga Elevated Corridor Project**, aimed at ensuring safe wildlife movement across **Kaziranga National Park (KNP)** and reducing human–wildlife conflict.

About Kaziranga National Park (KNP)

oLocation: Situated in Assam, between the **Brahmaputra River (north)** and the **Karbi (Mikir) Hills (south)**.

- **Legal & Conservation Status:**

oNational Park

oTiger Reserve

oImportant Bird Area (IBA)

oUNESCO World Heritage Site (declared in **1985**)

Ecological Significance

- Lies at the junction of the **Australasian Flyway** and **Indo-Asian Flyway**, making it a critical habitat for **migratory birds**.
- Comprises **alluvial grasslands, wetlands, and riverine forests**, shaped by annual Brahmaputra floods.

Biodiversity

- **Flagship species:**
- **Indian one-horned rhinoceros** (world's largest population)
- **Other fauna:** Tiger, Asian elephant, Wild water buffalo, Swamp deer (barasingha)
- **Avifauna:** Large diversity of resident and migratory bird species.

Kaziranga Elevated Corridor Project

- Designed to:
- Facilitate **safe animal movement** between the floodplains and Karbi Hills
- Reduce **road kills and habitat fragmentation**
- Enhance **landscape-level conservation**