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Mojave Desert

Introduction

- The Mojave Desert is one of the major deserts of North America. It is located mainly in southern California and extends into parts of Nevada, Arizona, and Utah. It is named after the **Mojave Native American tribe**.

Location

- Situated in the southwestern United States.
- Bordered by the Great Basin Desert to the north and the Sonoran Desert to the south.

Area

- Covers about **124,000 square kilometers** (48,000 square miles).

Boundaries

- Western boundaries are formed by the **Tehachapi, San Gabriel, and San Bernardino** mountain ranges.
- Known for its Basin and Range topography.

Climate

- Summer temperatures often rise above **38°C (100°F)**.
- Winters can be cold with strong winds and

snowfall in higher areas.

- Average annual rainfall is **2 to 6 inches**.

Vegetation

- Famous for the **Joshua Tree**, its symbolic plant.
- Also has Creosote Bush, Desert Holly, and various cactus species.

Wildlife

- Desert Tortoise
- Desert Iguana
- Mojave Rattlesnake
- Chuckwalla Lizard

Importance

- **Death Valley National Park** lies within this region and is known for extreme heat records.
- Important for solar energy projects, tourism, and ecological research.

Interesting Facts

- It is one of the four major **deserts of North America**.
- The Joshua Tree is considered an indicator species of the Mojave Desert.

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Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary

Introduction

- **Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary** is located in the northern part of Goa, near the village of Valpoi.
- It was established in **1999** to protect the fragile ecosystem of the Western Ghats.
- The sanctuary spreads over an area of **208 sq. km.**

Geographical Importance

- It forms part of the Western Ghats, a region recognized as a **UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site.**
- With the creation of this sanctuary, Goa became the only state in India to protect the entire Western Ghats area falling within its boundaries.
- The sanctuary is linked with the catchment area of the **Mhadei River**, one of Goa's important water sources.

Biodiversity

supports dense evergreen forests.

- Major animals found here include:
• **Bengal Tiger ,Leopard ,Indian Gaur ,Sambar Deer ,Sloth Bear ,Malabar Giant Squirrel**

Birdlife

- It is also an excellent place for birdwatching.
- Important bird species include:
• Great Indian Hornbill
• Malabar Pied Hornbill
• Asian Paradise Flycatcher

Tiger Conservation Importance

- Recent sightings of **Bengal Tiger** have made the sanctuary highly important for wildlife conservation.
- There is a proposal to declare it a **Project Tiger Tiger Reserve.**
- It is considered one of the best places in

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