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Jim Corbett National Park

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Why is news? Over 6,000 trees illegally cut for tiger safari project in Corbett Reserve, says FSI report

Jim Corbett National Park is a national park in India located in the **Nainital district of Uttarakhand** state.

The **first national park in India**, it was **established in 1936** during the British Raj and named **Hailey National Park** after William Malcolm Hailey, a governor of the United Provinces in which it was then located.

In 1956, nearly a decade after India's independence, it was renamed Corbett National Park after the hunter and naturalist Jim Corbett, who had played a leading role in its establishment and had died the year before.

The park was the **first to come under the Project Tiger initiative**, one of the national park which as the high tiger population.

The core area forms the Corbett National Park while the **buffer contains reserve forests as well as the Sonanadi Wildlife Sanctuary**.

The entire area of the reserve is mountainous and falls in the **Shivalik and Outer Himalaya geological provinces**.

Ramganga, Sonanadi, Mandal, Palain and Kosi are the major rivers flowing through the Reserve.

Corbett has **600 species of plants** - trees, shrubs, ferns, grass, climbers, herbs and bamboos. Sal, Khair and Sissoo are the most visible trees found in Corbett.

Apart from tigers, Corbett also has leopards. Other mammals such as jungle cats, barking deer, spotted deer, sambar deer, sloth etc. are also found there.

Other Major Protected Areas of Uttarakhand: Nanda Devi National Park, Valley of Flowers National Park - Valley of Flowers National Park and Nanda Devi National Park together are a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Rajaji National Park, Gangotri National Park, Govind National Park.

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