

Massive fire in Sariska Tiger Reserve

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A massive fire has recently broken out in the Sariska Tiger Reserve.

- Tropical dry forests are fire prone because they contain high fuel.



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About Sariska Tiger Reserve

- It is a national park located in **Alwar district, Rajasthan**.
- It is a part of the **Aravalli Range** and the **Khathiar-Gir dry** deciduous forests ecoregion
- Topography of the place is such that it consists of **mountains, grasslands, dry deciduous forests and cliffs**.
- **Fauna**: jungle cats, rhesus macaque, sambhar, chital, wild boar, leopard, nilgai, four-horned antelope, langur, hyena, peafowl, harbours quail, sand grouse.
- **Vegetation**: combination of the lush green region and the scattered shrubbery in the desert region.
 - Dominant tree is **Dhok tree**.
- **Historical significance**: presence of ruins of medieval temples of Garh-Rajor that date back to the 10th and 11th centuries.
 - **Architectural marvels** within the reserve include Neelkanth Temple, Pandupol Hanuman Temple.
- It is rich in **mineral resources**, such as copper.
- It is the first reserve in the world **with successfully relocated tigers**.