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Uttarakhand CM announced the repeal of the decision to denotify the Shivalik Elephant Reserve for the larger good of the state's flora and fauna.



[Ref-The Wire Science]

CASE HISTORY

- October 1, 2020: Forest dept decides to forego 9745 trees in 215 acres of Shivalik Elephant Reserve for expansion of Jolly Grant airport in Doon
- November 24, 2020: State Board for Wildlife approves denotification of Shivalik, Uttarakhand's lone elephant reserve
- December, 2020: Matter reaches high court after series of online and offline protests by locals
- January 8, 2021: High court stays the decision of the state wildlife board to denotify elephant reserve
- March, 2021: Former chief wildlife warden called in person at the high court and reprimanded
- Oct 1, 2022: CM announces the reserve will remain notified

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- It was notified in 2002 under the 'Project Elephant'.
- It encompasses the forest divisions of Dehradun, Haridwar, Lansdowne, Haldwani, Tanakpur, and Ramnagar, plus part of the Corbett Tiger Reserve and Rajaji National Park.



[Ref-Zenger News]