

JOINING INDIA'S TIGER DOTS....

'India for Tigers: A Rally on Wheels', organized under the aegis of **'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'** was a mega success. The rally mobilized over 75000 people PAN India across tiger landscapes, covering a distance of 7500 Km in 7 days and saw an active involvement of diverse range of stakeholders – forest officials, school and college students, media persons, local communities, and representatives from NGOs etc. We bring to you a compilation showcasing the highlights of 'India for Tigers: A Rally on Wheels' representing the journey of 51 tiger reserves in 18 tiger range states, spreading the message of biodiversity conservation amongst people from different walks of life.



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**National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA),
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)**

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has often shared his vision of building a new, **'Atma Nirbhar Bharat'** by the year 2022. To commemorate the 75th anniversary of Indian independence on 15th August 2022, the Government of India has planned to celebrate **'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'** an intensive, country wide campaign which will focus on citizen participation, to be converted into a 'Janandolan', where small changes, at the local level, will add up to significant national gains. This Mahotsav is dedicated to the people of India and is an embodiment of all that is progressive about India's socio-cultural, political and economic identity.

National Tiger Conservation Authority has launched a PAN India outreach activity: **'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels'**, to achieve the twin objectives of celebrating India's 75 years of independence and spreading the message of biodiversity conservation under the ambit of Project Tiger. All 51 tiger reserves in 18 tiger range states participated and traversed the diverse and picturesque landscape spanning across India, with an aim to raise awareness not only about the importance of tiger conservation but also environment, forests and climate change. The event was inaugurated on 2nd October 2021 and culminated on 8th October 2021.

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India for Tigers 'A Rally on Wheels'

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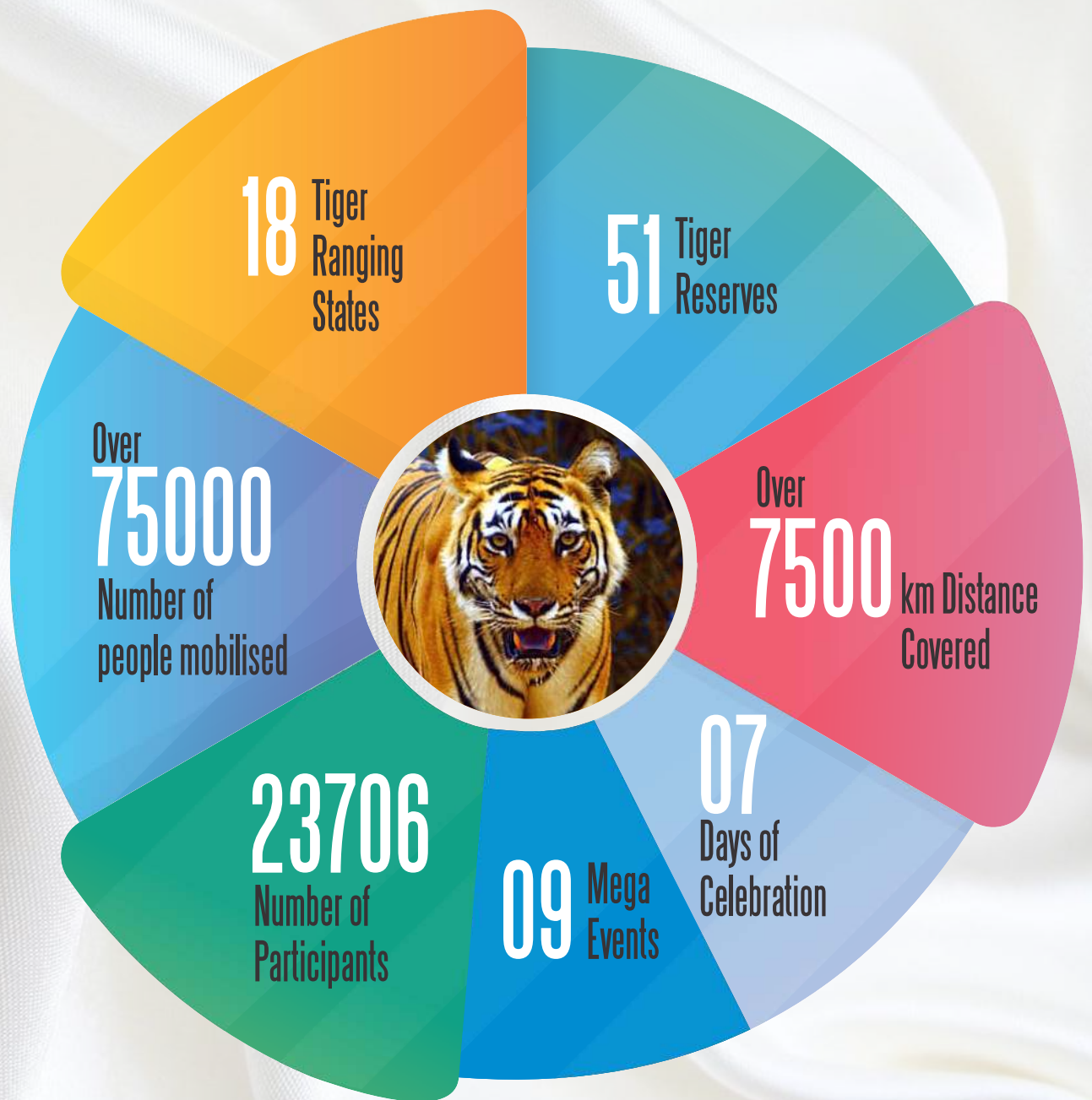


Tiger is not only a charismatic species, its presence is vital to regulating & perpetuating ecological processes. On #GandhiJayanti flagged off 'India for Tigers - A rally on wheels' in which all 51 tiger reserves will be participating at landscape level. #AzadiKaAmritMahotsav

Shri Bhupender Yadav
Hon'ble Minister of Environment,
Forest and Climate Change



INDIA FOR TIGERS A RALLY ON WHEELS



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BACKGROUND

PROJECT TIGER

The Government of India has taken a pioneering initiative for conserving its national animal, the tiger, by launching the “Project Tiger” in 1973. Project Tiger is an ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change providing central assistance to the tiger States for tiger conservation in designated tiger reserves.

The tiger reserves are constituted on a core/buffer strategy. The core areas have the legal status of a national park or a sanctuary, whereas the buffer or peripheral areas are a mix of forest and non-forest land, managed as a multiple use area. The Project Tiger aims to foster an exclusive tiger agenda in the core areas of tiger reserves, with an inclusive people oriented agenda in the buffer.

Under the stewardship of Project Tiger, the initial number of nine tiger reserves (18,278 sq. km.) has now expanded to 51 tiger reserves cumulatively protecting 73,223 sq.km. (2.23% of India's geographical area) of which, 40,541 sq. km. is inviolate core critical tiger habitat.





NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) was established in December 2005 following a recommendation of the Tiger Task Force, constituted by the Prime Minister of India for reorganised management of Project Tiger and Tiger Reserves in India.

The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) is a statutory body under the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) constituted under enabling provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, as amended in 2006, for strengthening tiger conservation, as per powers and functions assigned to it under the said Act. NTCA has been fulfilling its mandate within the ambit of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 for strengthening tiger conservation in the country by retaining an oversight through advisories/normative guidelines, based on appraisal of tiger status, ongoing conservation initiatives and recommendations of specially constituted Committees.



AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of Indian independence on 15th August 2022, the Government of India has planned to celebrate 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' an intensive, country wide campaign which will focus on citizen participation, to be converted into a 'Janandolan', where small changes, at the local level, will add up to significant national gains.

To celebrate the monumental occasion, The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate

Change (MoEFCC) planned to undertake the following activities:

- 5th Cycle of All India Tiger Estimation (AITE) and Management Effectiveness of Tiger Reserve Evaluation (MEE)
- Awareness and Outreach activities to promote tiger conservation
- Synchronized Pan India Protection Patrol in Tiger Reserves
- India for Tigers – A Rally on Wheels



INDIA FOR TIGERS – A RALLY ON WHEELS

(Joining India's Tiger Dots)

ICONIC WEEK : 2ND OCTOBER - 8TH OCTOBER 2021

India has more than 70% of the total Asiatic tiger population, yet there is an increasingly uncertain future in the country. The risk of reduction in numbers for wild tigers persist due to poaching, illegal trade and land use changes. If tigers in India are to survive this century and beyond, their habitat urgently needs protection and restoration. Furthermore, there is an urgent need for a sustained support from various stakeholders- government agencies, private business sectors and communities in the field of tiger conservation.

'India for Tigers - A Rally on Wheels' was a PAN India outreach activity with twin objectives of celebrating India's 75 years of independence and spreading the message of biodiversity conservation under the ambit of Project Tiger. The rally on wheels was organized on select

dates and assigned routes and was spearheaded by Field Directors. The field directors started off from their designated tiger reserves. The idea was to culminate the event at Ranthambore, Kanha, Melghat, Bandipur, Simlipal, Sunderbans, Manas, Palamau and Corbett tiger reserves, representing our country's initial nine tiger reserves designated under The Project Tiger in 1973.

All 51 tiger reserves participated at landscape level and myriad of events throughout the rally saw active involvement of diverse range of stakeholders and the amalgamation of events showcased the overarching presence of tiger which is deep rooted in our culture, mythology, history, literature with an appeal to give this majestic big cat its due right to flourish in peace and safety.



PLEDGE FOR TIGER CONSERVATION

I recognize and value,

- That tiger is an umbrella species with charisma, and is the flagship indicator of a balanced ecosystem;
- That a balanced ecosystem is crucial for life support, while providing numerous ecological services to the society;
- Being aware that the status of wild tiger is highly endangered in its natural habitat across Tiger Range Counties with a declining global population;

I hereby solemnly pledge:

- to protect the tiger and its wild habitat to ensure crucial ecological services for posterity;
- to contribute for fostering awareness for tiger conservation by factoring in its concern in areas where tiger is not the goal;
- to work for a balance between tiger conservation and ecologically sustainable development towards harmonious co-occurrence of human beings and the tiger;
- commit to conserve our natural heritage while making all efforts for the future sustenance of wild tiger.



points of mega celebration on respective dates

Outreach

India for tigers- a rally on wheels journeyed across 51 tiger reserves, 18 tiger states where Field Directors, Deputy Directors and Associated Staff from respective tiger reserves followed the assigned routes and united at the designated focal point of celebration (the first nine tiger reserves designated during the inception of Project Tiger in 1973). The rally covered a distance of over 7500 km in 7 days (2nd October 2021-8th October 2021) traversing the diverse and picturesque landscapes spanning across India ; conducting outreach activities along the way and at the focal point of mega celebration. With an aim to raise awareness not only on the importance of tiger conservation but also forests, climate change, environment etc., the rally brought together people from different walks of life and the large- scale coverage of the event will enable its global outreach.

The following activities were made a part of the mega celebration:

- Felicitation of Retired Foresters and families of martyred

Foresters

- '*Amrit Petika*' (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav feedback box) kept a teach focal point of mega celebration. This is to encourage local public to give feedback / opinion related to the topics concerning forest protection, climate change, wildlife conservation, environment, poaching etc.
- Administering '*Tiger Pledge*'
- Outreach activities-streetplays, folk dance, awareness and sensitization programmes for targeted stakeholders

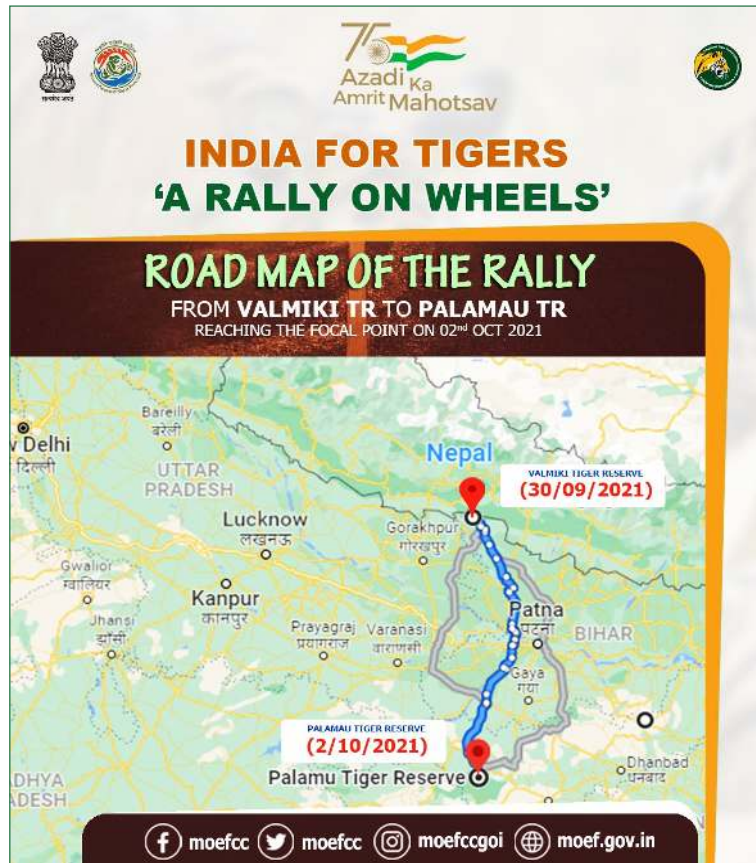
Our Participation

The mega events took place at Ranthambore, Kanha, Melghat, Bandipur, Similipal, Sundarbans, Manas, Palamau and Corbett tiger reserves from 2nd-8th October. These tiger reserves were the focal points of mega celebration. Carrying National Tiger Conservation Authority's (NTCA) flag, the Field Director / Deputy Director and Associated Staff flagged off in their respective government vehicles from the designated tiger reserve and handed over the NTCA flag and joined the rally of the following tiger reserve. The rally culminated into the respective focal



FLOW OF THE EVENT

DAY-1: 02/10/2021



Valmiki Tiger Reserve, Bihar

(30th September, 2021)



Palamau Tiger Reserve, Jharkhand

(2nd October, 2021)

Buxa Tiger Reserve
(29th September, 2021)



Sunderbans Tiger Reserve, West Bengal
(2nd October, 2021)





NSTR, Andhra Pradesh
(25th September, 2021)

Amrabad Tiger Reserve, Telangna

Kawal Tiger Reserve, Telangna

Satkosia Tiger Reserve, Odisha

Similipal Tiger Reserve, Odisha
(2nd October, 2021)

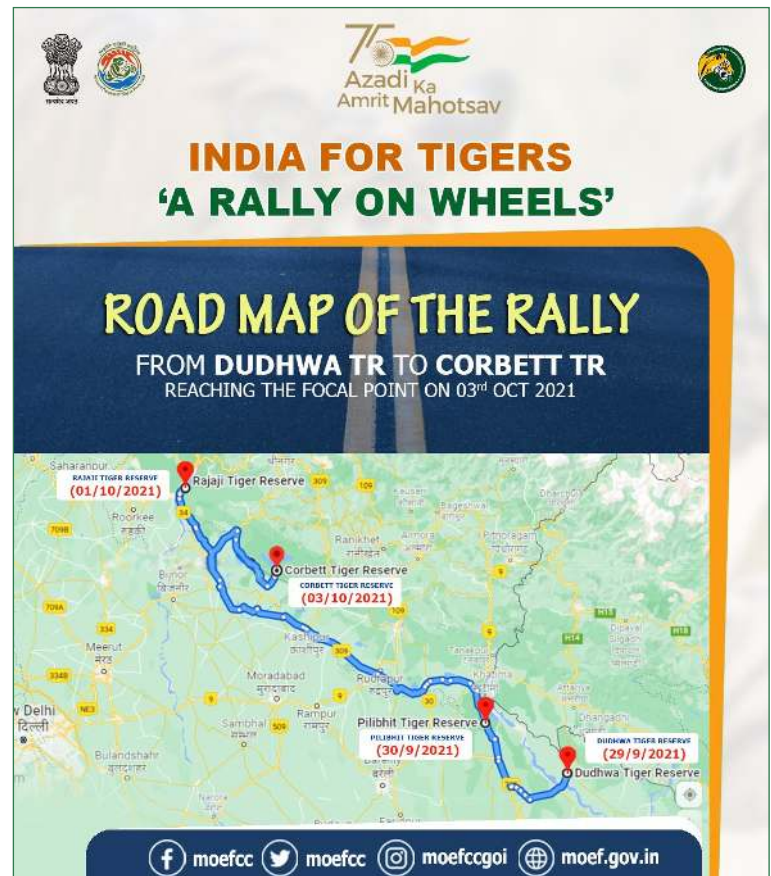
DAY-2: 03/10/2021

**Dudhwa Tiger Reserve,
Uttar Pradesh**
(29th September, 2021)

**Pilibhit Tiger Reserve,
Uttar Pradesh**

**Rajaji Tiger Reserve,
Uttarakhand**

**Corbett Tiger Reserve,
Uttarakhand**
(3rd October, 2021)



DAY-3: 04/10/2021



Kamlang Tiger Reserve,
Arunachal Pradesh
(30th September, 2021)



Namdapha Tiger Reserve,
Arunachal Pradesh



Nameri Tiger Reserve, Assam



Pakke Tiger Reserve,
Arunachal Pradesh



Manas Tiger Reserve, Assam
(4th October, 2021)



Orang Tiger Reserves, Assam



Kaziranga Tiger Reserve, Assam



Dampa Tiger Reserve, Mizoram
(29th September, 2021)



DAY-4: 05/10/2021

KMTR, Tamil Nadu
(26th September, 2021)



SMTR Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu



Periyar Tiger Reserve, Kerala



Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, Kerala



Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu



Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu



BRT Tiger Reserve, Karnataka



Nagarhole Tiger Reserve, Karnataka



Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu



Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Karnataka

(5th October, 2021)



Bhadra Tiger Reserves, Karnataka



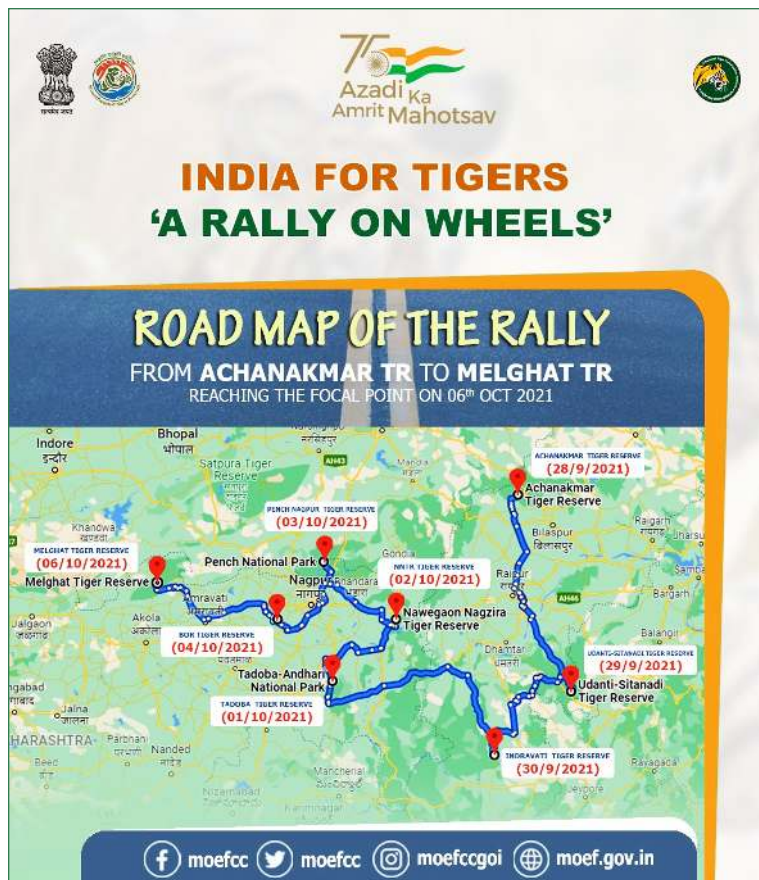
Kali Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra



Sahyadri Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra
(2nd October, 2021)



DAY-5: 06/10/2021



**Achanakmar Tiger Reserve,
Chhattisgarh**

(28th September, 2021)



**Udanti-Sitanadi
Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh**



**Indravati Tiger Reserve,
Chhattisgarh**



**Tadoba Tiger Reserve,
Maharashtra**



NNTR, Maharashtra



**Pench Tiger Reserve,
Maharashtra**



**Bor Tiger Reserve,
Maharashtra**



**Melghat Tiger Reserve,
Maharashtra**

(6th October, 2021)



DAY-6: 07/10/2021

**Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve,
Madhya Pradesh**
(1st October, 2021)



**Sanjay-Dubri Tiger Reserve,
Madhya Pradesh**



**Panna Tiger Reserve,
Madhya Pradesh**



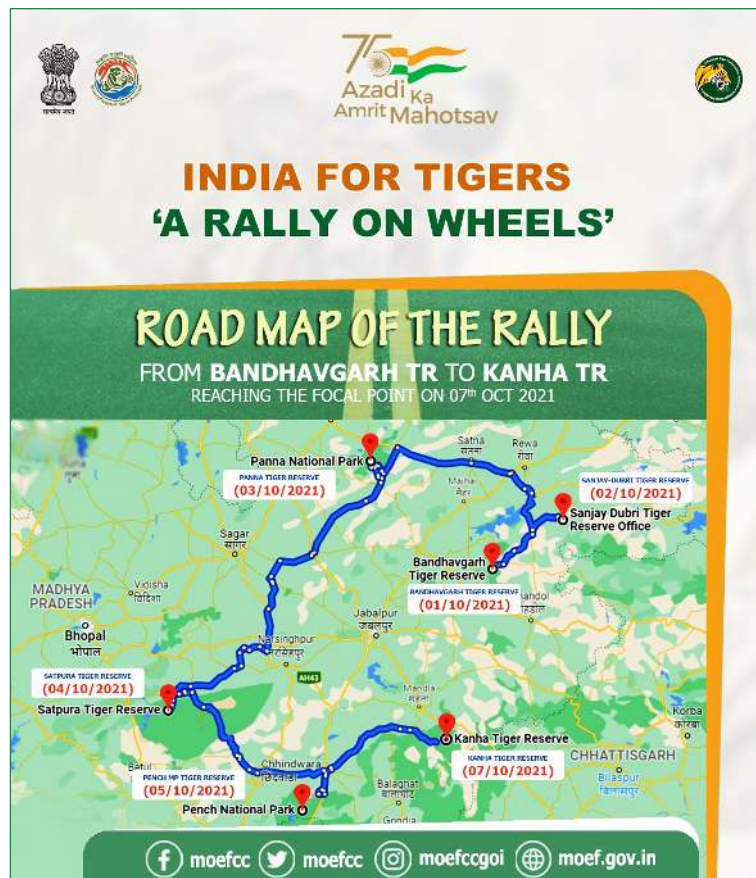
**Satpura Tiger Reserve,
Madhya Pradesh**



**Pench Tiger Reserve,
Madhya Pradesh**



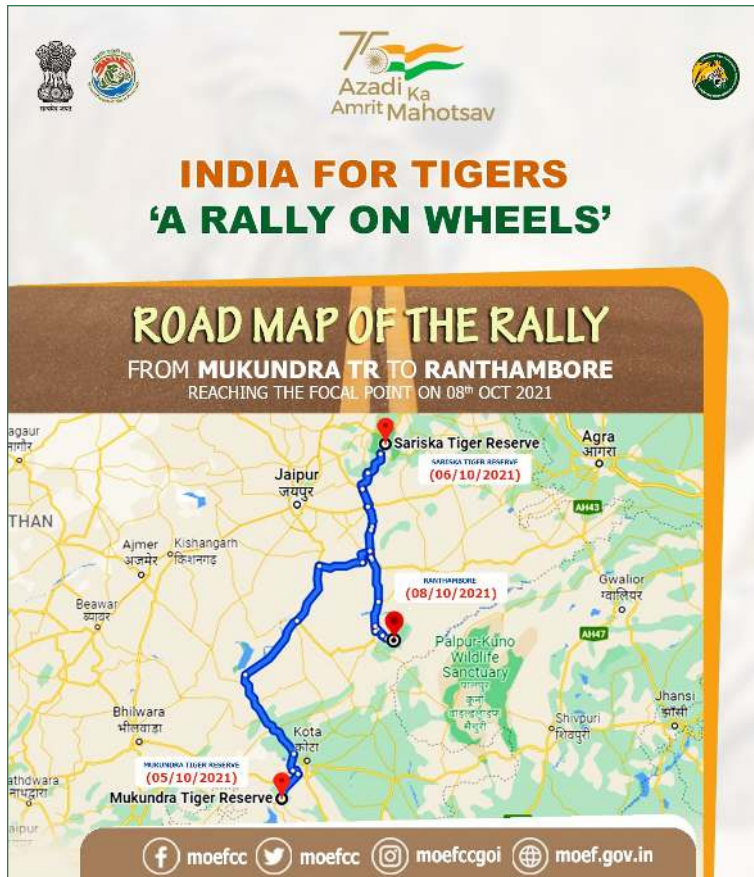
**Kanha Tiger Reserve,
Madhya Pradesh**
(7th October, 2021)



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' mega celebration at Kanha Tiger Reserve



DAY-7: 08/10/2021



**Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve,
Rajasthan**

(5th October, 2021)



**Sariska Tiger Reserve,
Rajasthan**



**Ranthambore Tiger Reserve,
Rajasthan**

(8th October, 2021)



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' mega celebration with school children at Ranthambore Tiger Reserve

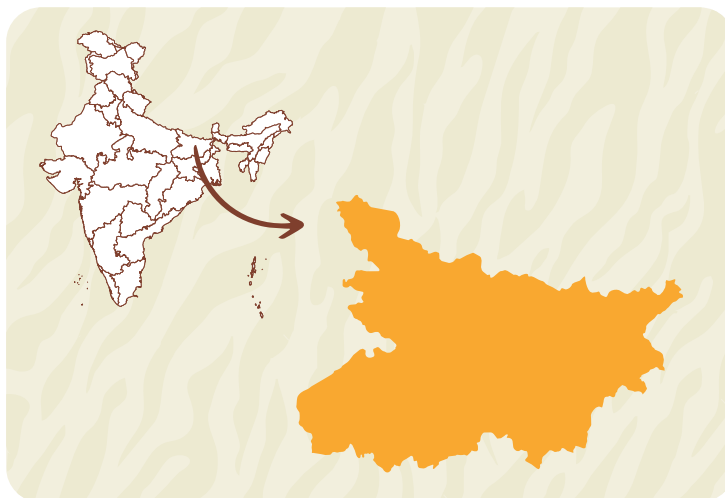




VALMIKI TIGER RESERVE BIHAR



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' was flagged off from Valmiki Tiger Reserve on 30th September 2021 by Hon'ble Member of Parliament Bettiah, Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal, District Magistrate & State President West Champaran, Field Director, Deputy Director & Divisional Forest Officer Bettiah along with representatives from World Wildlife Fund for Nature and Wildlife Trust of India, school children and media. In total over 900 people participated in the rally from Valmiki Tiger Reserve to Palamau Tiger Reserve.



School children participating in a session on the importance of biodiversity conservation





Panelists at Valmiki Tiger Reserve for 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' flag off



Interactive session with school children on the importance of biodiversity conservation

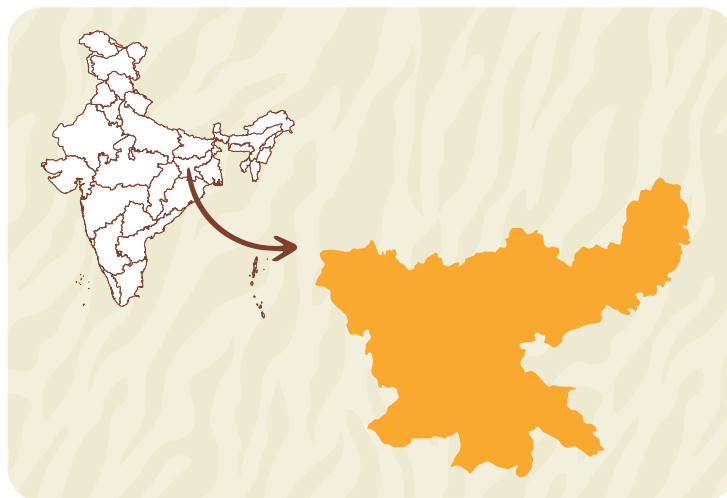




PALAMAU TIGER RESERVE JHARKHAND



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' mega celebration was organised by Palamau Tiger Reserve at Betla National Park, Jharkhand on 2nd October 2021. In the presence of the Chief Guest, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Chatra), Shri Sunil Kumar Singh, special guest Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly Shri Ramchandra Singh, Field Director, Palamau, Deputy Director (North & South), the event was flagged off. A documentary was released and school and college students participated in various awareness activities related to tiger conservation and environment. In total over 250 people participated in the mega celebration.



Mega celebration at Betla National Park





**Dignitaries flagging off
mega celebration at
the Betla National Park**



**Dignitaries administering
Tiger Pledge**



**An Interactive session
on tiger conservation
with the forest officials**

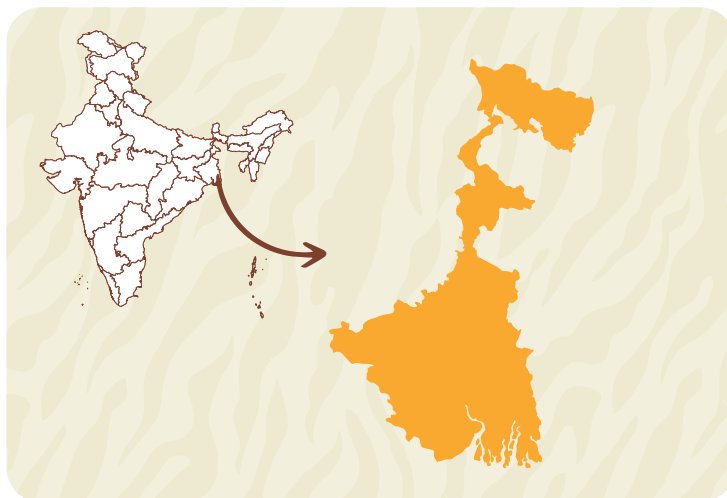




BUXA TIGER RESERVE WEST BENGAL



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' was flagged off from Buxa Tiger Reserve on 29th September 2021. Field Director, Buxa Tiger Reserve in presence of Deputy Field Director, Buxa East and Buxa West Divisions, staffs of Buxa, Joint Forest Management Committees, associates of Wildlife Institute of India, other stakeholders including tourists flagged off the rally from Rajabhatkhawa. Speech on conservation of biodiversity was followed by cultural programme and tiger pledge. Enroute, the team conducted awareness drive followed by signature campaign at various places. In total 180 people participated in the event.



Dignitaries and other stakeholders administering 'Tiger Pledge'





Signature campaign for tiger conservation at Buxa Tiger Reserve



Rally flagged off at Buxa Tiger Reserve

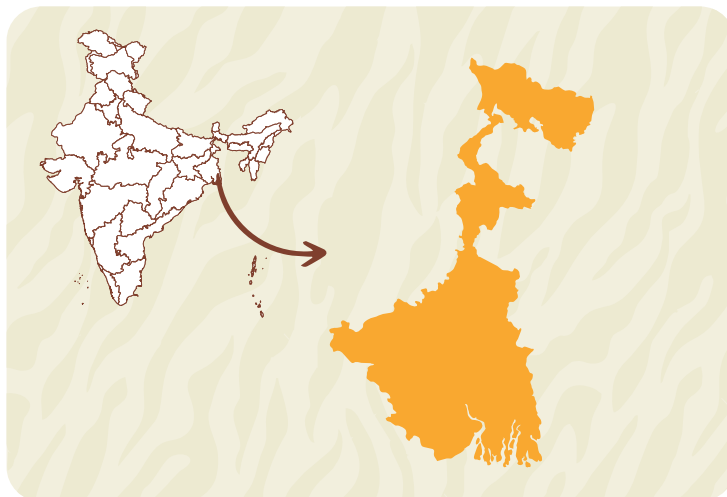




SUNDARBANS TIGER RESERVE WEST BENGAL



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' mega celebration was organised by Sundarbans Tiger Reserve on 2nd October 2021. Hon'ble Member of Parliament Ms. Pratima Mondal commenced the celebrations with other dignitaries of the Local Block and Subdivision. Boat rally and signature campaign were organised and tiger pledge was administered during the event. The boat left for Bali island where competitions were conducted for children of the local Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs), a street-play emphasizing on the need for conservation of tigers was also performed. Feedback from the local villagers about conservation was also collected. A similar kind of program was conducted in the island of



Pakhiralay, Dayapur, Sajnekhali (fringe villages) involving the local JFMC members, Tourists, Eco tourism guides and the staff of Sundarbans. In total 200 people participated in the event.



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' flag off at Sundarbans Tiger Reserve





Mega celebration at Sundarbans Tiger Reserve along with school children



One of its kind boat Rally at Sundarbans Tiger Reserve





NTCA flag handed over to Field Director Sundarbans Tiger Reserve



Cultural performances by locals at Sundarbans Tiger Reserve

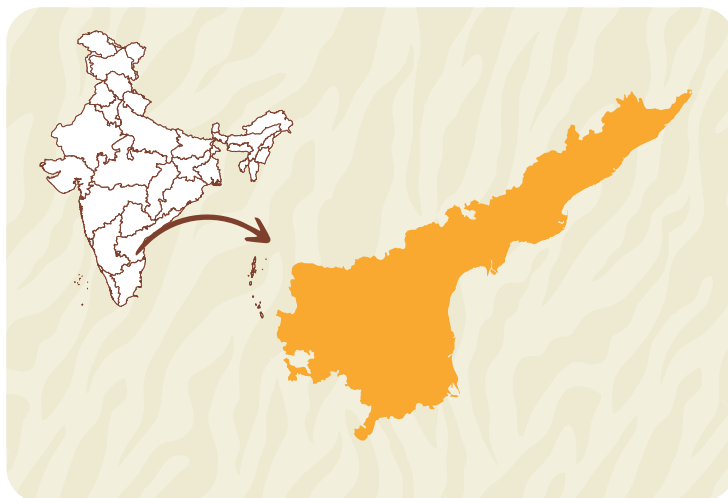




NAGARJUNSAGAR- SRISAILAM TIGER RESERVE ANDHRA PRADESH



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' from Nagarjunsagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve flagged off on 25th September 2021. Various outreach activities such as awareness campaign, PowerPoint presentation, documentary screening, tribal dances, street-plays, speeches on tiger conservation etc. were organised by the Forest Department involving schools, NGOs, local villages and environmentalists. In total 300 people participated in the rally.



School students at Nagarjunsagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' flag off



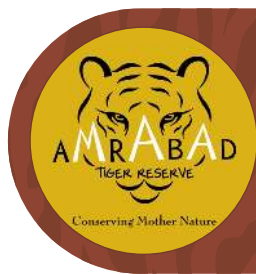


Cultural performances by children at Nagarjunsagar-Srisaillam Tiger Reserve



Nagarjunsagar-Srisaillam Tiger Reserve hands over the flag to Amrabad Tiger Reserve

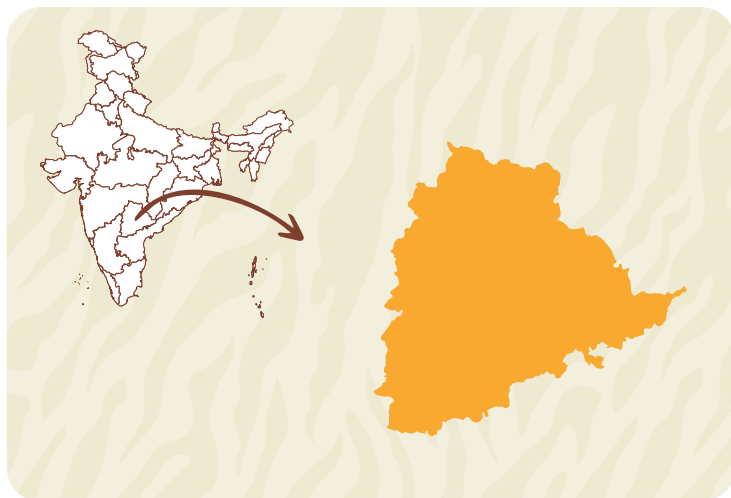




AMRABAD TIGER RESERVE TELANGANA



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' from Amrabad Tiger Reserve flagged off on 26th September 2021. Sub rallies and interactive sessions were organised at Amrabad Tiger Reserve. Sri A. Indrakaran Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Forests and Endowments department, Smt. Shanthi Kumari, IAS, Spl. Chief Secretary for Forests, Smt. Shobha IFS., Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) & Head of Forest Forces (HoFF) and other PCCFs and other senior officers of Aranya Bhavan, local NGOs, wildlife enthusiasts and journalists participated in the event. In total 46 people participated in the rally from Amrabad to Kawal Tiger Reserve.



**Dignitaries
administering
'Tiger Pledge'**



**Panelists during
'India for Tigers-A
Rally on Wheels'
celebration**





Forest officials during an interactive session on tiger conservation at Amrabad Tiger Reserve



Rally flagged off from Amrabad Tiger Reserve

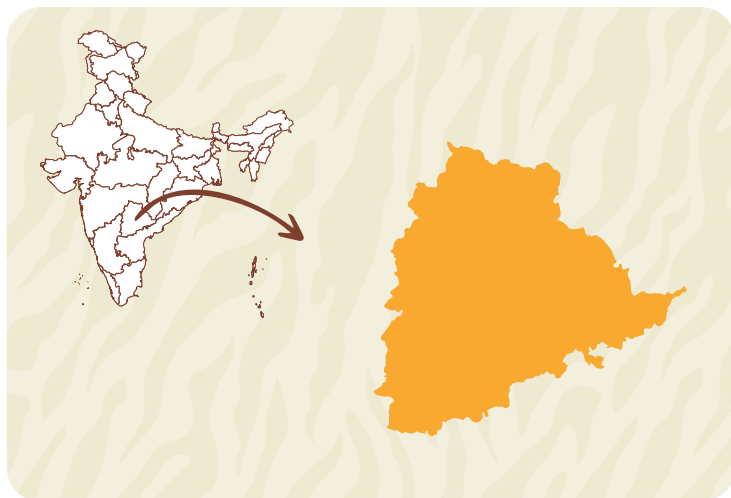




KAWAL TIGER RESERVE TELANGANA



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' from Kawal Tiger Reserve flagged off on 28th September 2021. Several awareness programmes like photo exhibition, folk dance, talks by students etc. were conducted to spread the message of biodiversity conservation. Public representatives such as media, kalajathara (folks), local people, field staff, students etc. The rally was flagged off by the Chief Conservator of Forests Adilabad with Divisional Forest Officer, Adilabad and Forest Divisional Officer, Asifabad and the district staff, students and others. In total over 500 people participated in the event.



**Panel members
at Kawal Tiger
Reserve**



**Interactive session
with the locals on
the importance of
tiger conservation**





Motor cycle rally at Kawal Tiger Reserve



Forest officials and school children at Kawal Tiger Reserve for 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' event





SATKOSIA TIGER RESERVE ODISHA



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' was flagged off from Satkosia Tiger Reserve on 1st October 2021. During the event, an awareness activity was conducted in the presence of frontline staff, Eco-development Committee (EDC) members, local representatives, NGOs and community members of the villages in and around Satkosia Tiger Reserve. A motor cycle rally and foot rally was also conducted to spread awareness on the importance of tiger conservation. Tiger pledge was also administered by the participants. In total over 1000 people participated in the rally from Satkosia to Similipal Tiger Reserve.



Various stakeholders gathered for India for 'Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' event at Satkosia Tiger Reserve





NTCA flag hand-over to FD Satkosia Tiger Reserve



Forest officials and other stakeholders administering 'Tiger Pledge'

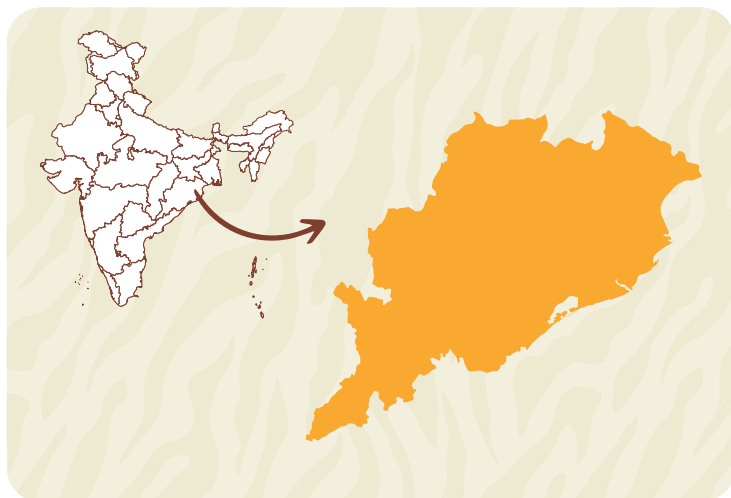




SIMILIPAL TIGER RESERVE ODISHA



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' mega event was conducted at Similipal on 2nd October 2021. The dignitaries present during the flagging off the rally were Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, Mayurbhanj, Collector and District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj, State President, Mayurbhanj, and Sub-collector, Baripada. Cycle rally was organised which was followed by a signature campaign, movie launch, subdivisional level Biju Patnaik awards and filling of feedback forms. Simultaneously a mini marathon was also organized. A mega Awareness meeting involving different stakeholders of Similipal was organized at Prayas Hall Baripada. Hon'ble member Lokayukta Odisha and former Member Secretary NTCA



Dr. Debabrata Swain graced the occasion as a chief guest. In total over 1000 people participated in the event.



Glimpses of mega celebration at Similipal Tiger Reserve






 Signature campaign to
 'Save Tigers' at
 Similipal Tiger Reserve




 Locals participating in
 cultural events at Similipal
 Tiger Reserve during the
 mega celebration




 NTCA flag handed over to
 FD Similipal Tiger Reserve
 by Satkosia Tiger Reserve

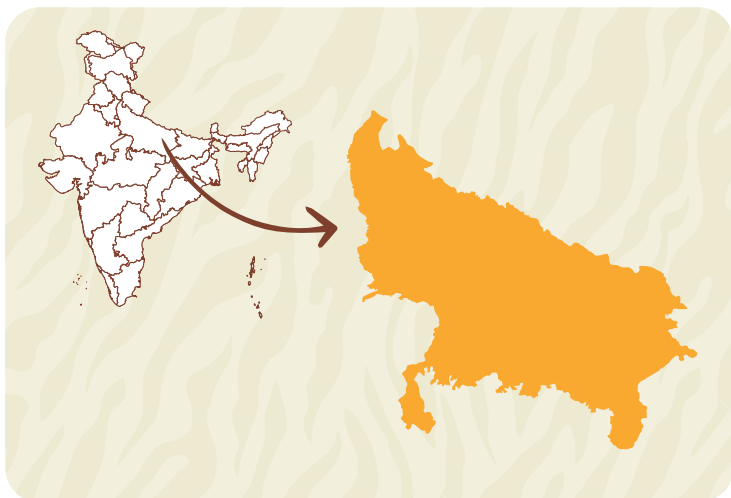




DUDHWA TIGER RESERVE UTTAR PRADESH



'India for Tiger: A Rally on Wheels' was initiated from Dudhwa Tiger Reserve on 29th September, 2021 by the respective Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director. The rally was inaugurated with a number of programmes including awareness programmes, distribution of seeds of fodder species to members of village eco-development committees. Around 400 people actively participated in the event which include media personnel, children, local NGOs, local EDC members, female folks and the conservation partner World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF), India etc.



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' celebrations at Dudhwa Tiger Reserve





Speech by Field Director Dudhwa Tiger Reserve before the flag off



Rally all set to flag off from Dudhwa Tiger Reserve

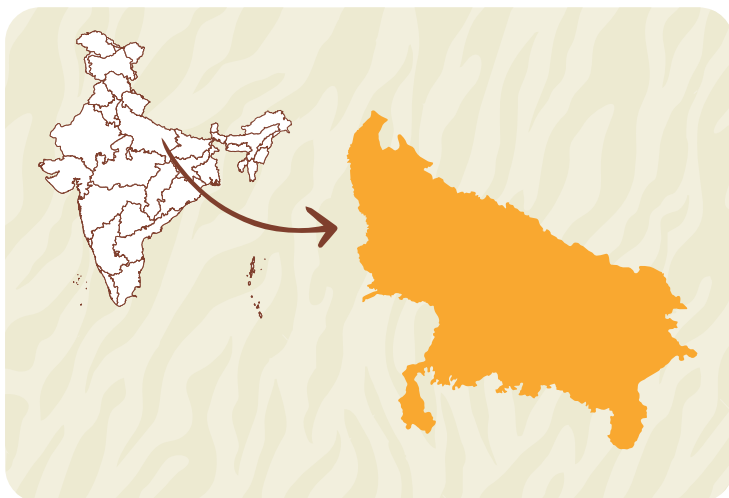




PILIBHIT TIGER RESERVE UTTAR PRADESH



Team of Pilibhit Tiger Reserve welcomed the team of Dudhwa Tiger Reserve, Uttar Pradesh. On this occasion, flagging off of Citizen Awareness Rally through Puranpur, Public meeting on tiger conservation in Mala Range and cultural activities like skits, group dance and solo performances by school children were organized. The rally departed from the Pilibhit Tiger Reserve carrying the NTCA flag with public meeting at Moradabad to further reach the Rajaji Tiger Reserve, Uttarakhand by 1st October, 2021 in order to celebrate the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav: India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels. People from various domains like school students, general public, NGOs, media personnel and forest



officials summing up to 220 people, participated in this event.



Glimpses of event conducted at Pilibhit Tiger Reserve during 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels'





Inauguration of 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' at Pilibhit Tiger Reserve



School children spreading the message of biodiversity conservation through dance performance

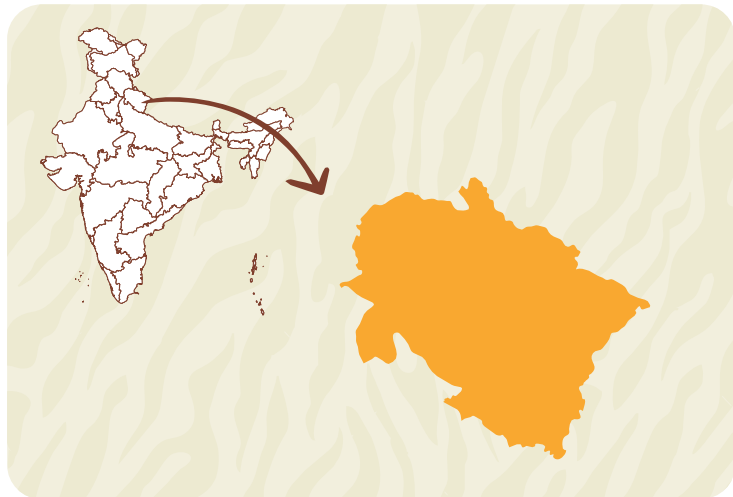




RAJAJI TIGER RESERVE UTTARAKHAND



On 1st October, 2021, the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav- 'India for Tigers- A Rally on Wheels' program started with handing over the NTCA flag by Pilibhit Tiger Reserve to Rajaji Tiger Reserve (RTR) at Chilla Range. Further the rally was followed by an oath taking ceremony where forest officials, guests and public took an oath for conserving the ecosystem and working towards the upliftment of RTR. During this event, awareness program regarding the ecology of tigers, their role in our ecosystem and its importance with respect to the current climate change situations were conveyed. Moreover, a cleanliness drive was also conducted at the Motichur Range campus of RTR. Approximately 378 participants were



present during the event. The rally took off from Rajaji Tiger Reserve on 2nd October, 2021 so as to reach the Corbett Tiger Reserve by 3rd October, 2021.



Forest officials and other stakeholders at Rajaji Tiger Reserve





Panel members during an interactive session on tiger conservation



Forest officials during Rajaji Tiger Reserve flag off





CORBETT TIGER RESERVE UTTARAKHAND



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' mega celebration was organised by Corbett Tiger Reserve on 3rd October 2021. Hon'ble Minister of State, Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Shri Ashwini Kumar Chaubey inaugurated the mega event at Corbett Tiger Reserve along with other dignitaries. Various awareness activities were organised which included stakeholders such as school students, locals, media persons, Eco-development Committee (EDC) members, forest staff etc. In total over 600 people participated in the event.



Hon'ble Minister of State EF & CC, Shri Ashwini Kumar Chaubey during 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' mega celebration at Corbett Tiger Reserve





Hon'ble Minister of State EF & CC, Shri Ashwini Kumar Chaubey and Cabinet Minister, Govt. of Uttarakhand, Dr. Harak Singh Rawat inaugurating 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' event at Corbett Tiger Reserve



Dignitaries during the mega celebration at Corbett Tiger Reserve



Glimpses of mega celebration at Corbett Tiger Reserve

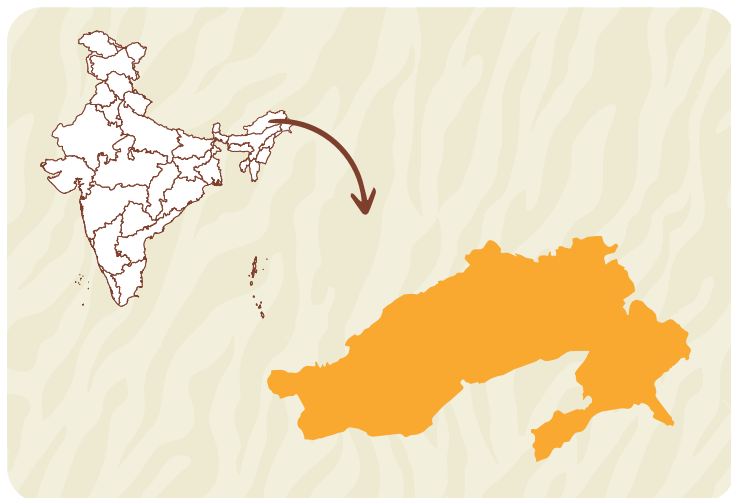




KAMLANG TIGER RESERVE ARUNACHAL PRADESH



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' was flagged off from Kamlang Tiger Reserve on 30th September 2021. Several public awareness events were carried out throughout the way to Namdapha National Park. To sensitise local residents and petrol pump workers, Range Forest Officer (RFO) Kamlang presented a briefing on why and what are the objective of this rally, and why we should conserve our forest. Children were also made aware on wildlife protection and how we can stop deforestation. A short verbal awareness programme was also organised and throughout the rally journey, awareness leaflets were delivered to local residents. In total



over 50 people participated in the event.



School students participating in the rally at Kamlang Tiger Reserve





Forest officials and school children at Kamlang Tiger Reserve



Petrol pump workers sensitised on the importance of wildlife conservation

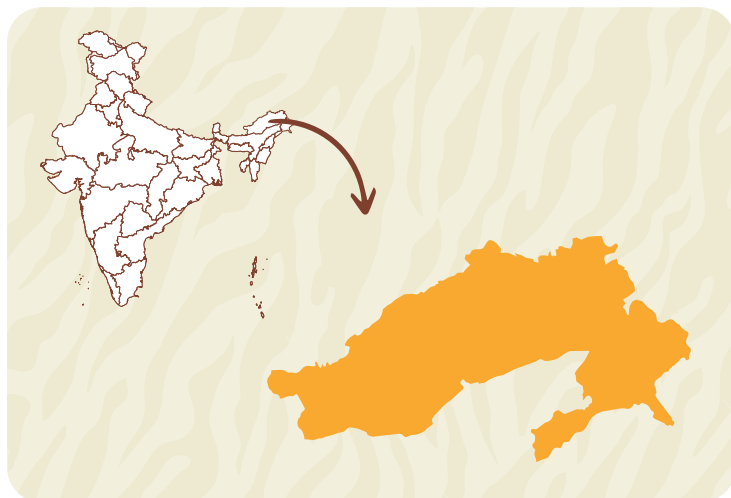




NAMDAPHA TIGER RESERVE ARUNACHAL PRADESH



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' was flagged off from Namdapha Tiger Reserve on 1st October 2021 by the forest officials. Awareness programmes were organised with the students and faculty members wherein a speech on the topic "Protection and preservation of our National Animal, Tiger and its habitat" was disseminated. It was followed by administering pledge will all participants and distribution of Namdapha Tiger Reserve pamphlets. In total 125 people participated in the rally from Namdapha to Nameri Tiger Reserve.



Kamlang Tiger Reserve handing over the banner to Namdapha Tiger Reserve



Namdapha Tiger Reserve handing over the NTCA flag to Nameri Tiger Reserve



"Flag handed over to DFO, Nameri Tiger Reserve"





Forest officials and other stakeholders at Namdapha Tiger Reserve for 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' event



School and college children for 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' event

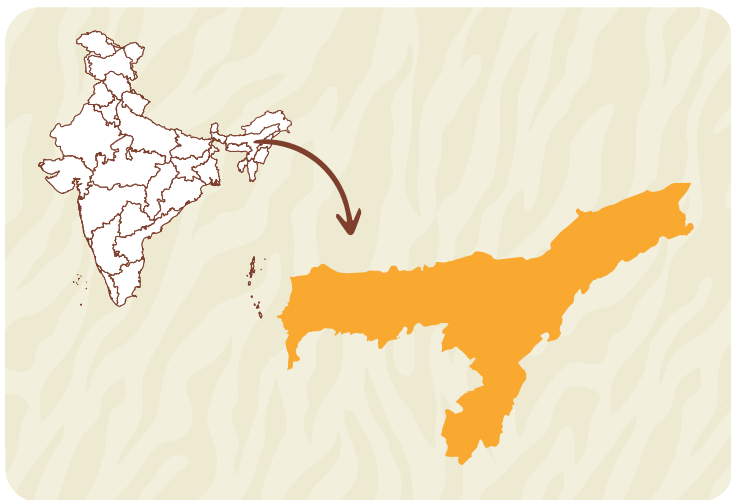




NAMERI TIGER RESERVE ASSAM



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' at Nameri Tiger Reserve was flagged off on 2nd October 2021. Shri. Pankaj Sharma, Field Director, Nameri welcomed the team of Kamlang Tiger Reserve with Nameri memento and 'Fulam Gamusa' woven by the ladies of local Eco-development Committees (EDCs). In the presence of Kamlang, Namdapha and Nameri tiger reserve teams, village headman flagged off the rally from Nameri to Pakke Tiger Reserve. In total over 100 people participated in the rally from Nameri to Pakke Tiger Reserve.



Flagging off the rally at the Nameri Tiger Reserve





School children participating in a session on the importance of wildlife conservation



Forest officials all set to flag off the rally at Nameri Tiger Reserve

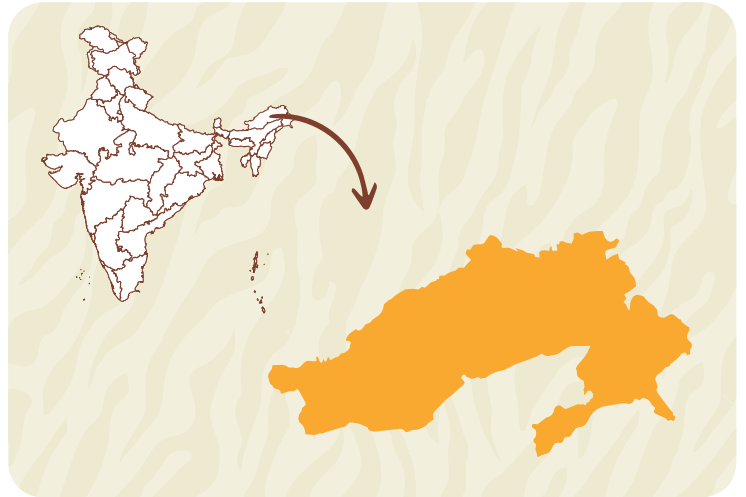




PAKKE TIGER RESERVE ARUNACHAL PRADESH



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' at Pakke Tiger Reserve was flagged off on 2nd October 2021 by the forest officials. Students, faculty members and representatives from various NGOs participated in the awareness events. In total 155 people participated in the rally from Pakke to Manas Tiger Reserve.

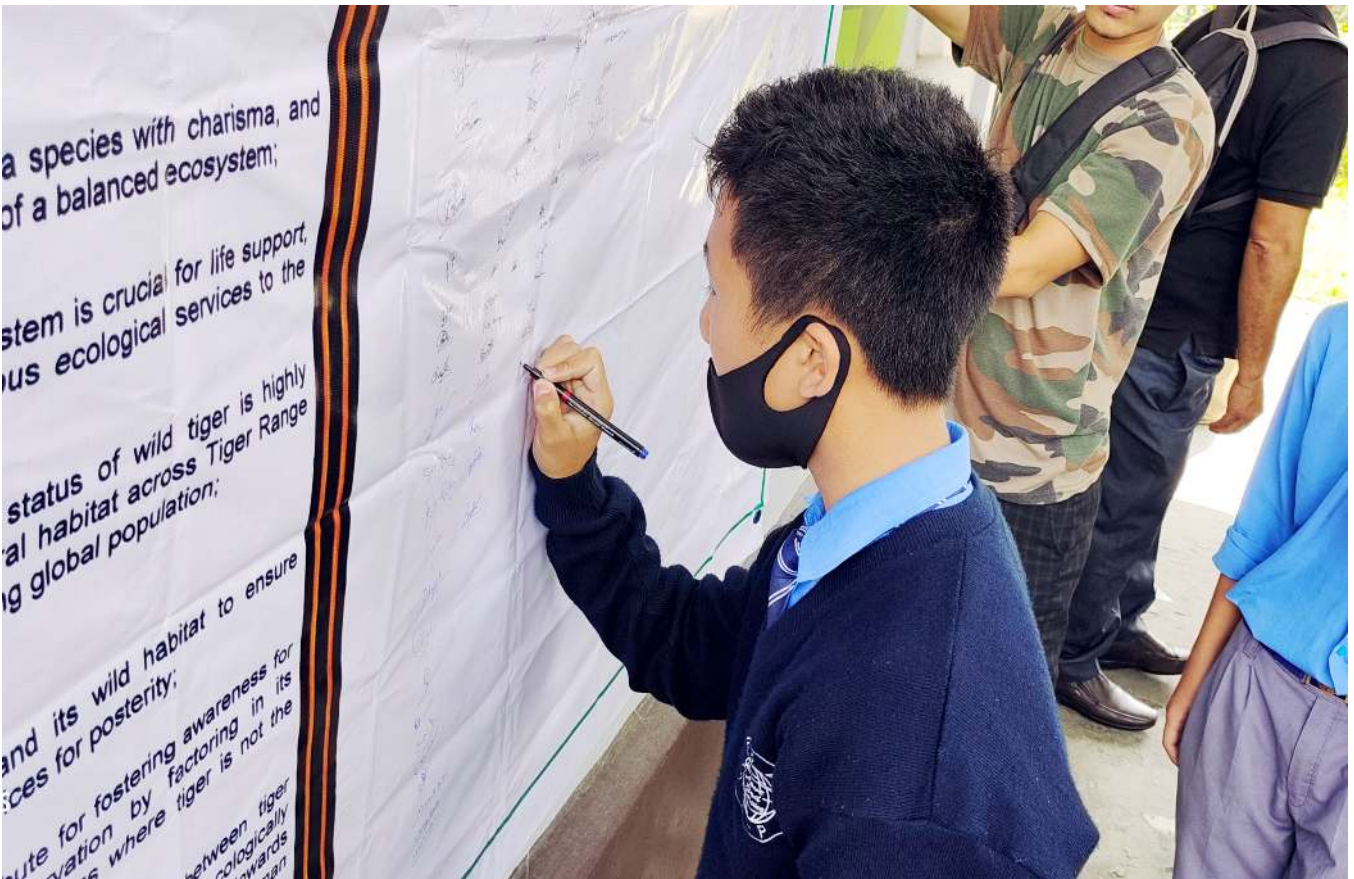


**NTCA flag
reached Pakke
Tiger Reserve**



**'India for Tigers-A
Rally on Wheels'
flag off at Pakke
Tiger Reserve**





School children participating in a signature campaign for tiger conservation at Pakke Tiger Reserve



Group photograph with school children before the flag off

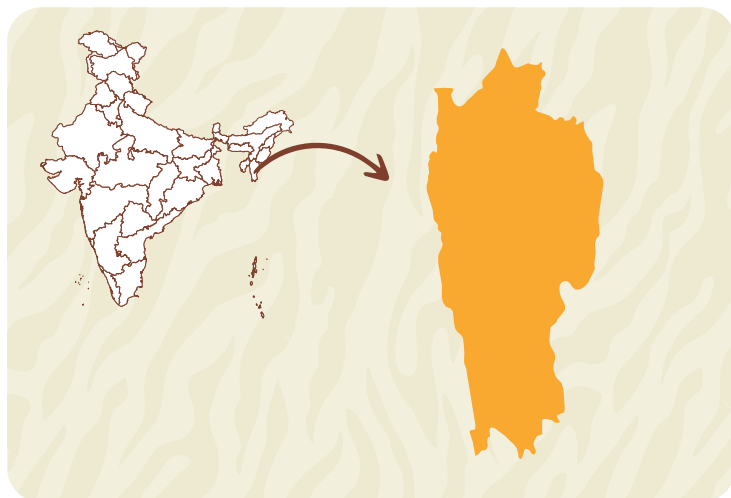




DAMPA TIGER RESERVE MIZORAM



The team from Dampa Tiger Reserve which included the Field Director, Deputy Field Director and Associated Staff, departed from W. Phaileng to Aizawl Zoological Park covering a total distance of about 95 kilometers. The Rally Team was received by the Honorable Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change (EF & CC), Mizoram as well as Officials of EF&CC Department. Official function of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav - 'India for Tigers - A Rally on Wheels' was then observed wherein the Minister EF&CC gave a speech highlighting the reason for organizing the rally as well as gave a brief insight on the importance of Tiger conservations. Pledge taking ceremony on Tiger Conservation was



administered. Around 50 people attended the event.



'Tiger Pledge' taking ceremony at Dampa Tiger Reserve





'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' function at Aizawl Zoological Park



Release of pamphlet by Hon'ble Minister EF & CC Department, Mizoram



Rally flag off from Dampa Tiger Reserve

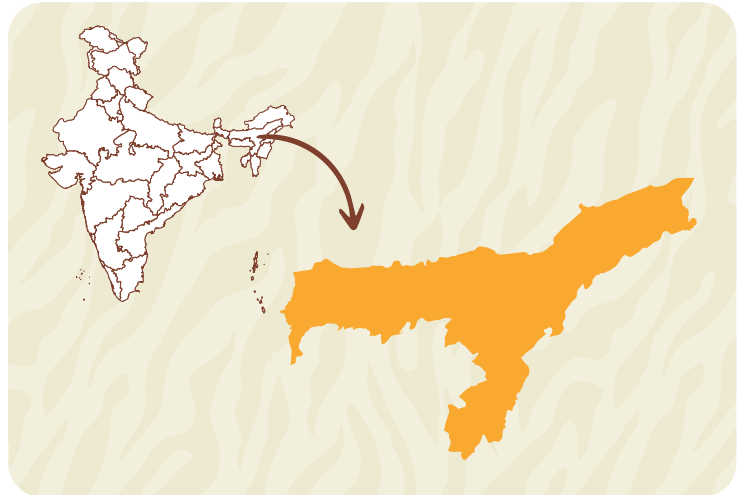




KAZIRANGA TIGER RESERVE ASSAM



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' at Kaziranga Tiger Reserve was flagged off on 1st October 2021. Various awareness programmes, public discussions, signature campaign, painting competition were organised as a part of celebration. Students, representatives from NGOs, forest officials were a part of the event. In total over 50 people participated in the rally from Kaziranga to Orang Tiger Reserve.



NTCA flag hand over to Kaziranga Tiger Reserve, Assam





Various stakeholders participating in the event at Kaziranga Tiger Reserve



School and college students during an interactive session on biodiversity conservation

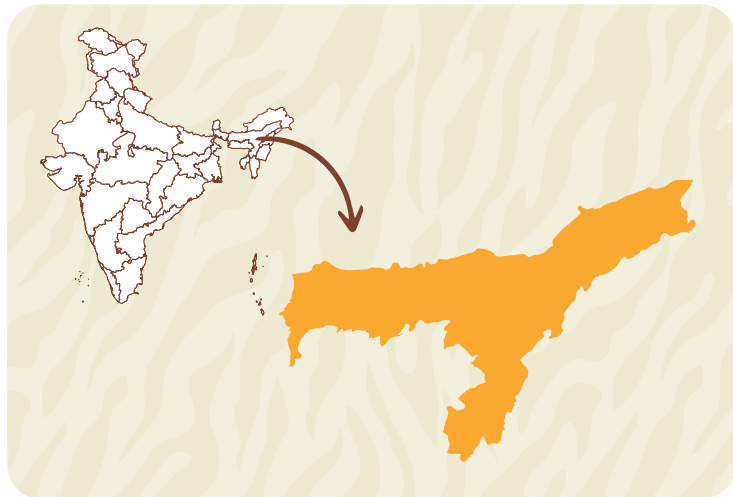




ORANG TIGER RESERVE ASSAM



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' at Orang Tiger Reserve was flagged off on 2nd October 2021. The pledge on Tiger Conservation was taken in presence of Shri Dilip Saikia, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Mangaldai Lok Sabha Constituency, staff of Kaziranga Tiger Reserve, members of Eco-development Committees, school teachers, students, and other dignitaries. After that a Drawing Competition was organized by Orang Tiger Reserve and more than 100 school children took part in the competition which was based on Tiger Conservation. A signature campaign was also organized for the awareness of Tiger Conservation at various places on the way to Manas Tiger Reserve. A cultural program was



organized by Orang Tiger Reserve where Hon'ble MP gave his valuable speech on Tiger Conservation and its importance.



Inauguration of 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' at Orang Tiger Reserve





Group photograph with school children during 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' at Orang Tiger Reserve



Forest officials and other stakeholders administering 'Tiger Pledge'



Rally all set to flag off at Orang Tiger Reserve

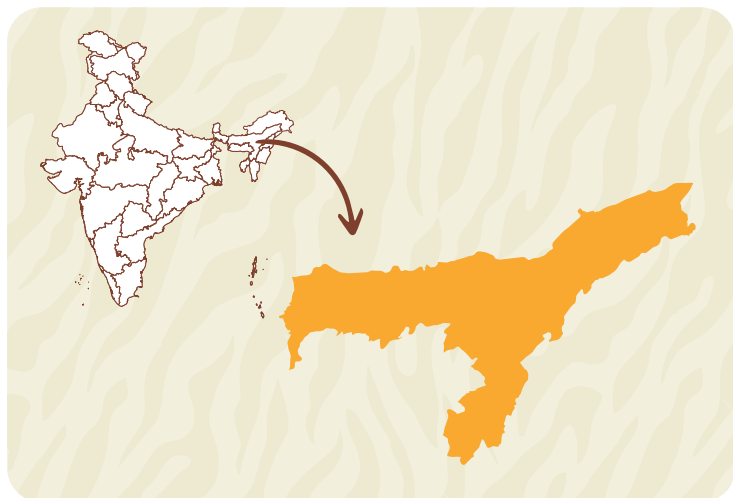




MANAS TIGER RESERVE ASSAM



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' mega celebration was organised by Manas Tiger Reserve on 4th October 2021 at Panbari Range of Manas National Park. The dignitaries, Honorary Wildlife Warden, forest staff, conservation partners & Non Government Organizations, political organizations, students, media etc. participated in the celebration. In total over 300 people participated in the mega celebration.



Dignitaries administering the 'Tiger Pledge'





School students
 submitting their feedback
 in 'Amrit Petika'



Cultural performances
 during the mega celebration
 at Manas Tiger Reserve



Panel members addressing
 the audience during the
 mega celebration





KALAKKAD MUNDANTHURAI TIGER RESERVE TAMIL NADU



'India for Tigers: A Rally on Wheels' was flagged off from Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve (KMTR), Tamil Nadu on 26th September, 2021. A cycle rally, various cultural activities and awareness programmes were conducted. People from various domains including forest staff, students and local villagers summing over 800 people, participated in this event. The NTCA flag was carried by the Deputy Director of KMTR, Tamil Nadu and was handed over to Deputy Director of Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu.



Glimpses of 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' at Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve





Panel members addressing the audience during 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' event at Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve



School students participating in 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' at Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve





SRIVILLIPITHUR MEGAMALAI TIGER RESERVE TAMIL NADU



The Tiger rally at the Srivillipithur Division on 27th September, 2021 was attended by the District Collector and Chaired by Field Director of Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve. Six forest martyrs were felicitated and 6km bicycle rally was conducted during the event. Around 500 people actively participated in the function and moreover, 200 students also participated in the bicycle rally.



**Hand over of the NTCA flag by Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu to
Srivilliputhur Meghamalai, Tamil Nadu**





Panel members at the Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu.



Flagging off the Tiger rally from the Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu

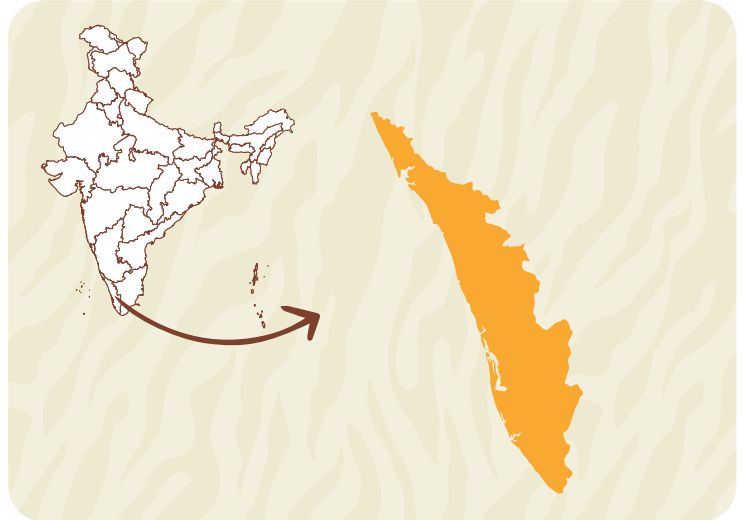




PERIYAR TIGER RESERVE KERALA



Team Periyar was headed by the Field Director of Periyar Tiger Reserve and the NTCA flag was received on 28th September, 2021 from the Field Director of Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve in the presence of Eco-development Committee members. A reception function was arranged followed by a cultural performance by Mannakkudy tribal settlement, many outreach activities and interaction session. During this event, approximately 400 people participated out of which about 95 people were part of the rally where they carried the NTCA flag along with the Deputy Director, Periyar Tiger Reserve to hand it over to the Field Director (Project Tiger), Parambikulam Tiger Reserve at Anappady.



Hand over of the NTCA flag by the Srivilliputhur Meghamalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu to Periyar Tiger Reserve, Kerala





'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' flagged off at Periyar Tiger Reserve



'Tiger Pledge' administered at Periyar Tiger Reserve



Tribal folk dance performed by the local people'

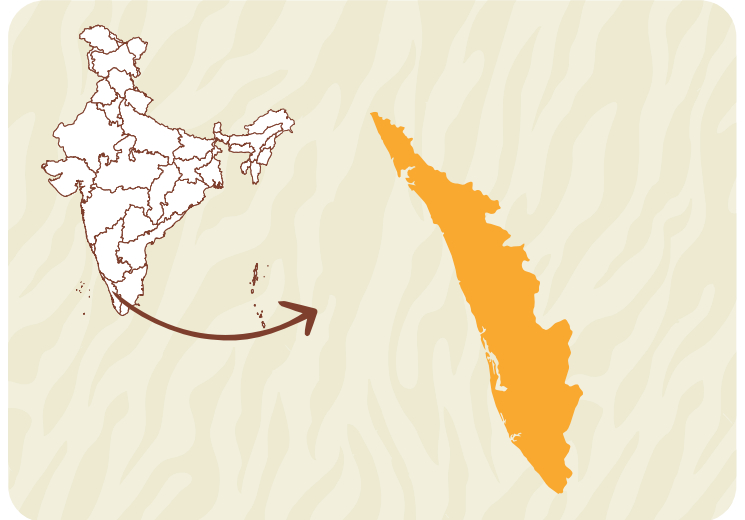




PARAMBIKULAM TIGER RESERVE KERALA



A reception was conducted at Parambikulam Tiger Reserve(PKMTR), as a part of 'India for Tigers - A Rally on Wheels'. Inauguration was done by the Parambikulam Tiger Reserve's Field Director K. V. Uthaman IFS in the presence of Inspector General, NTCA, N.S. Murali, IFS, Deputy Director of PKMTR, S. Vysak, IFS and Deputy Director of Periyar Tiger Reserve, Sunil Babu, IFS. A total of 52 members participated in the event, including Forest staff, Naturalists, Anti poaching watchers and Patrolling staff. After the inauguration, Parambikulam Tiger Reserve felicitated the forest staff members who were involved in detection and prosecution of sandal smugglers in various offences booked in Sungam and Karimala Ranges. A documentary



video on 'Tiger protection, history and science' was also screened.



NTCA flag handover by the Periyar Tiger Reserve to Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, Kerala





An interactive session with various stakeholders at Parambikulam Tiger Reserve



Flagging off the Tiger rally from Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, Kerala





ANAMALAI TIGER RESERVE TAMIL NADU



From Parambikulam tiger reserve, the NTCA flag was handed over to Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR), Pollachi on 29th September, 2021. The reception ceremony was celebrated with tribal dance, tiger dance and about 200 people participated in the ceremony. The team covered a distance of about 224 km and the NTCA flag has been handed over to Deputy Director, Sathyamangalam Tiger on 30th September, 2021. The Anamalai Tiger Reserve team comprises of Ranger, two foresters with driver was joined in rally towards the Bandipur Tiger Reserve till 5th October, 2021.



Dignitaries, school children and other stakeholders during the inaugural of 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' at Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu





Tribal folk performances given by local villagers and poster by school students spreading the message of biodiversity conservation



Rally starting from the Anamalai Tiger Reserve



A stylized orange tiger logo with black stripes, roaring and standing on a dark background.

Panelists and forest officials during 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' event



Cultural performances by locals during 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' inaugural event



Flagging off the rally from Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve

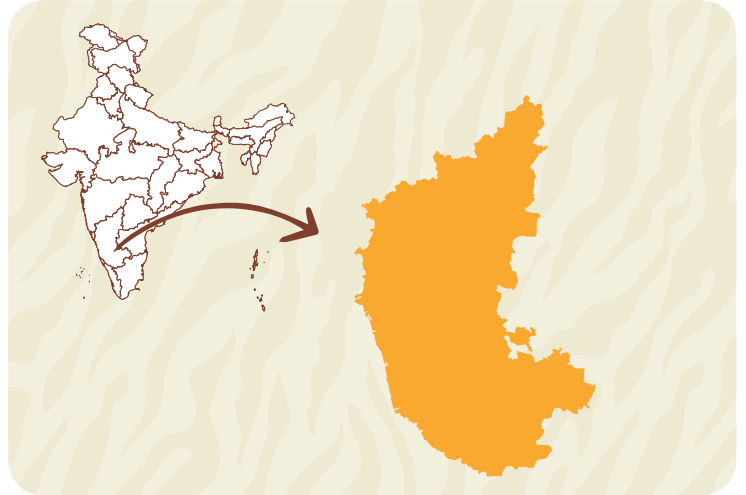




BILIGIRI RANGASWAMY TEMPLE TIGER RESERVE KARNATAKA



'India for Tigers: A Rally on Wheels' was flagged off virtually from the Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple Tiger Reserve on 2nd October, 2021 by Hon'ble Minister of Environment Forest and Climate Change. During the event, various cultural programmes were conducted by the local tribes, painting and quiz competitions were held among school students and a cleanliness drive was also organized with the involvement of Eco volunteers. About 250 people participated in the ceremony which include school students, frontline staff and representatives from Non Government Organizations.



Hand over of the NTCA flag by Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve to Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple Tiger Reserve, Karnataka





Tribal folk performances given by local villagers



Flagging off of 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' from the Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple Tiger Reserve

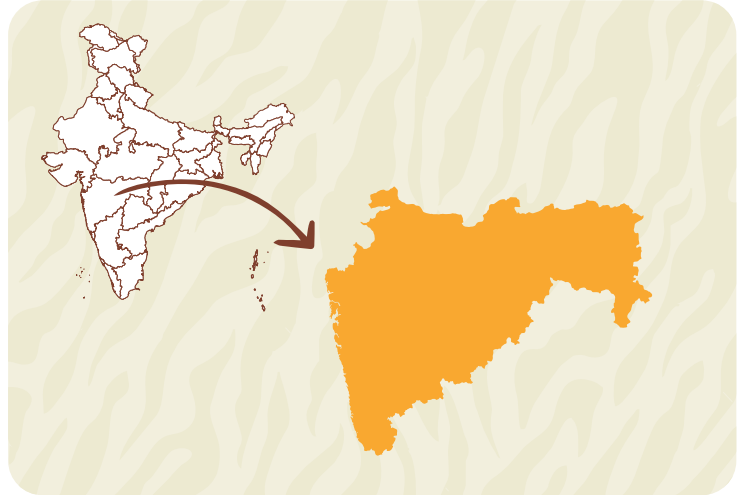




SAHYADRI TIGER RESERVE MAHARASHTRA



Flag-off ceremony and felicitation program was organized on 2nd October, 2021 at the Karad District in presence of the Hon'ble Ex-Governor and Member of Parliament, Loksabha, Satara Shri Shrinivas Patil Saheb, Mayor, Karad City, Shrimati Rohini Shinde, Shri Dadasaheb Shendage, Chief Conservator of Forests, Kolhapur Circle, Shri Samadhan Chavhan, Conservator of Forests and Field Director and Shri Uttam Sawant, Deputy Director from Sahyadri Tiger Reserve, Shri Mahadeo Mohite, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Satara. Field Staff, Non Government Organizations, Corona Fighters felicitated on this occasion. Signature campaigns and various competitions for buffer schools were also organized during the course of this rally. After a



brief program at Shivaji University, the rally proceeded to Kali Tiger Reserve, Karnataka. Over 250 people belonging to various domains participated actively in this rally.



School children and forest officials for 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' event





Inauguration of 'India for Tigers: A Rally on Wheels' programme



Play performed by school students on the importance of biodiversity conservation

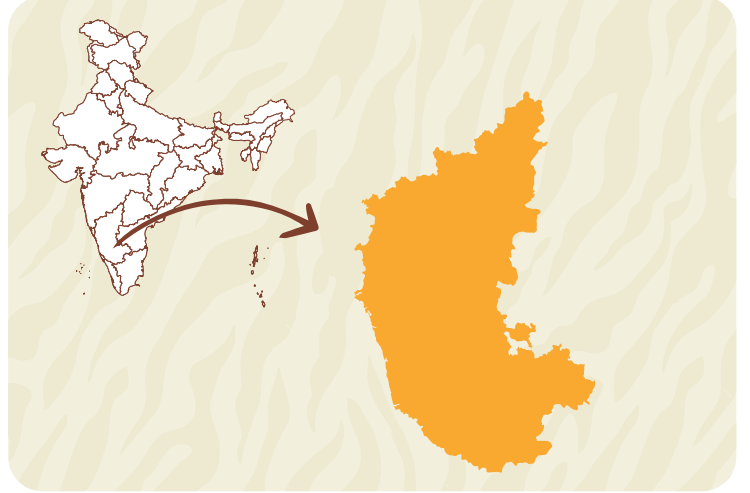




NAGARHOLE TIGER RESERVE KARNATAKA



The NTCA flag was received by the Nagarhole Tiger Reserve from the Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple Tiger Reserve on 2nd October, 2021 in the presence of Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA), Hunsur. As a part of celebration, bike rally and tribal cultural program was also conducted. On 3rd October, 2021, in the presence of MLA Virajpet inauguration function of Nanachi Entrance Arch & New Safari Bus was organised and a planting program was also conducted by all the participating Tiger Reserves who were present at the Nagarhole Tiger Reserve. About 350 participants attended these events. The rally was further flagged off from the



Nagarhole Tiger Reserve to reach Mudumalai Tiger Reserve in Tamil Nadu.



Hand over of the NTCA flag by the Biligiri Rangnatha Temple Tiger Reserve to Nagarhole Tiger Reserve, Karnataka





Dignitaries & forest officials gathered for 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' celebration at Nagarhole Tiger Reserve



Tribal folk dance performed at 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' event



Glimpses of rally starting from the Nagarhole Tiger Reserve

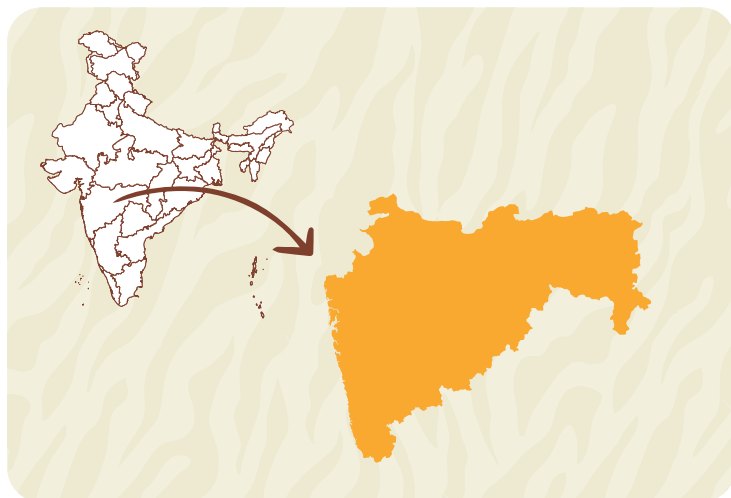




KALI TIGER RESERVE MAHARASHTRA



Team from Sahyadri Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra reached Kali Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra on 2nd October, 2021. The stage event at the Kali Tiger Reserve was organized at Phansoli Elephant Camp. The event was presided over and inaugurated by Chief Conservator of Forests, Canara Circle. Various activities like, nature walk, bird watching, competitions like slogan writing, photography and quiz, sport competitions like tug of war, kabaddi, carrom and musical chairs at the school level were conducted. Besides, an awareness program regarding wildlife conservation was also organised. General Public from Joida and Dandeli Taluk, Eco-Development Committee members of Phansoli, Avurli and Virnoli, Police personnel, Forest



personnel, Students of nearby schools and tourists summing upto 2000 participated in the event.



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' event flag off





The Chief Conservator of Forest addressing the rally at the Kali Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra



A glimpse of rally starting from the Kali Tiger Reserve





MUDUMALAI TIGER RESERVE TAMIL NADU



'India for Tigers- a Rally on Wheels' was continued in the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve (MTR) on 4th October, 2021 in the presence of Assistant Inspector General (AIG), NTCA, Southern Zone and Deputy Director, MTR, Ooty Division. Awareness and outreach programme including puppet show to tourists, Wild-animals mask making sessions conducted for the Students of Government Tribal Residential Higher Secondary School, Bokkapuram and Kargudi. Other participants from Southern State Tiger Reserves namely, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala were also participated in this rally. About 270 participants were present during these events.



Hand over of the NTCA flag by the Nagarhole Tiger Reserve, Karnataka to Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu



School children participating in 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels'





Puppet show organised during 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' event



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' flag off from Mudumalai Tiger Reserve

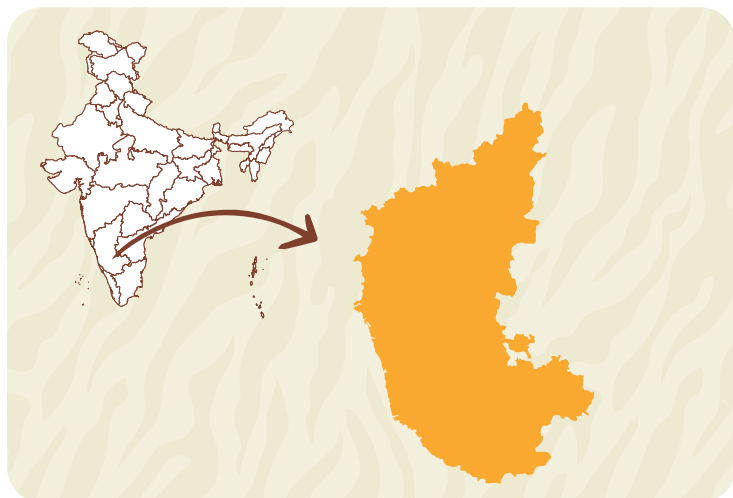




BHADRA TIGER RESERVE KARNATAKA



The rally started from Bhadra wildlife range, Lakkavalli on 4th October 2021 and the event was flagged off by Dr. Sunil Panwar, IFS, Conservator of forest, Chikmagalur circle. Mr. Samadhan Chavan, Field director, Mr. Uttam Singh Chavan, Deputy Director, Sahyadri tiger reserve. Mr. Mariya Krishna Raja D, Field director of Kali tiger reserve, Mr. Prabhakaran, IFS, Field director of Bhadra tiger reserve, Mrs. Ratnaprabha, ACF of lakkavalli wildlife subdivision and Range forest officers of Sahyadri tiger reserve, Kali Tiger reserve and Bhadra Tiger reserve were present during the inaugural function. Field staffs, students and local people of Bhadra Wildlife Range, Lakkavalli, Tanigebyle and staffs



from lakkavalli territorial range summing up to 120 participants enthusiastically took part in the rally.



Forest officials participating in 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' at Bhadra Tiger Reserve





'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' flag off from Bhadra Tiger Reserve, Karnataka



Glimpses of rally starting from Bhadra Tiger Reserve

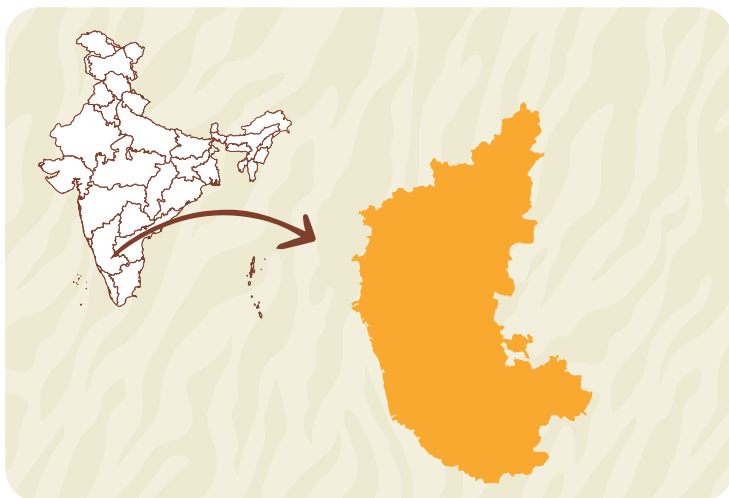




BANDIPUR TIGER RESERVE KARNATAKA



'India for Tigers-Rally on Wheels' mega celebration by Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Karnataka was held on 5th October, 2021. During this event, awareness programme like, "Raitha Samvada" - In conversation with fringe village farmers about Man-Animal Conflict related issues, various activities among school kids like parade, art, quiz and essay writing competitions were conducted. Moreover, to encourage eco-development groups, new stalls as income generating activity in Maddur Range were also established. Through all these activities, a common message of saving tigers, forests and wildlife was conveyed and around 1000 people



actively participated in the event including forest officials, schoolchildren and local people.



Hand over of the NTCA flag by the Tiger teams to Field Director Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Karnataka





Various stakeholders administering 'Tiger Pledge'



Glimpses of rally at the Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Karnataka



Cultural activities and celebrations by locals during mega event at Bandipur Tiger Reserve

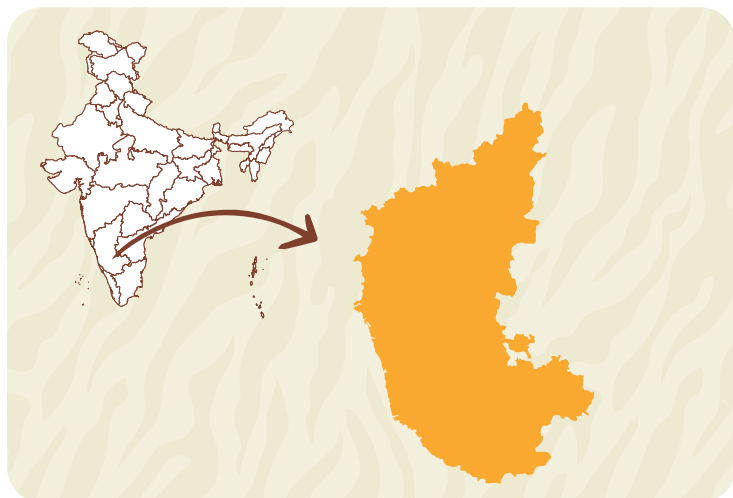




ACHANAKMAR TIGER RESERVE CHHATTISGARH



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' at Achanakmar Tiger Reserve commenced on 28th September 2021. The rally was flagged off by Hon'ble Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) Lormi, Shri Dharmjeet Singh, Field Director and Deputy Director Achanakmar Tiger Reserve along with other forest frontline staff, the local villagers and school students. Various awareness activities were organised and in total 200 people participated in the event.



Inauguration of 'India for Tigers: A Rally on Wheels' at Achanakmar Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh



Dignitaries arriving at the venue for the celebration of 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels'





Flagging off of the rally from Achanakmar Tiger Reserve



Glimpses of rally starting from Achanakmar Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh

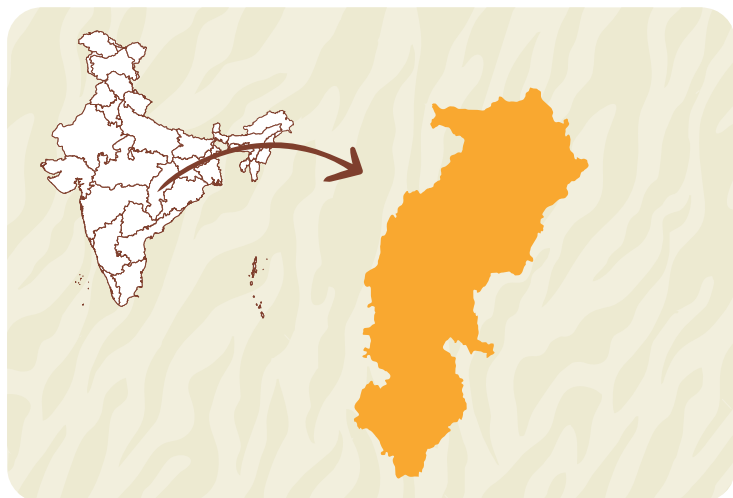




UDANTI-SITANADI TIGER RESERVE CHHATTISGARH



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' at Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve commenced on 29th September 2021. The rally was flagged off by the forest officials. Villagers in and around Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve, Non Government Organization representatives, media persons, school students, Eco-Development Committees attended the programme. All the targeted stakeholders were sensitised on the importance of conserving tigers and other wildlife. In total over 100 people participated in the event.




Participants attending 'India for Tigers- A Rally on Wheels' event at the Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh




Forest officials and school children gathered for participating in 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels'





Hand over of the NTCA flag by Achanakmar Tiger Reserve to Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh



Glimpses of rally starting from Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh

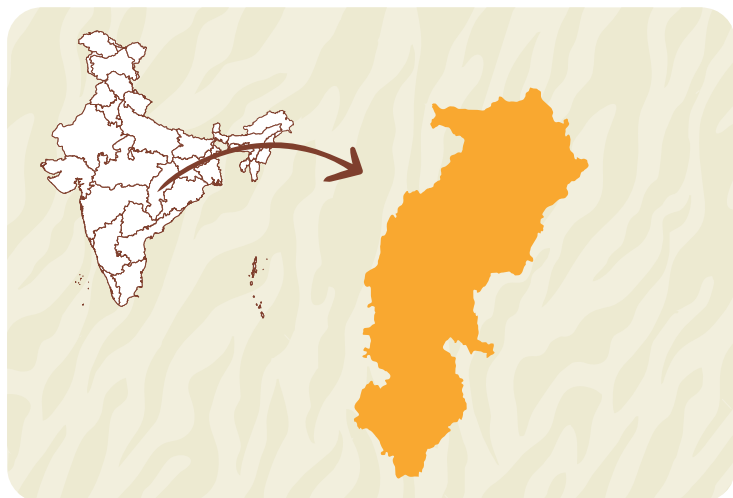




INDRAVATI TIGER RESERVE CHHATTISGARH



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' at Indravati Tiger Reserve was flagged off on 30th September 2021. As a part of awareness programmes, motorcycle rally was organised by forest officials. Hon'ble Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) Bijapur, Shri Vikram Shah Mandavi was invited as a Chief Guest. Various outreach activities were conducted and forest frontline staff was also felicitated. In total 200 people participated in the event.



'Tiger Pledge' administered at Indravati Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh





Hand over of the NTCA flag by Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh to Indravati Tiger Reserve



Glimpses of rally starting from Indravati Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh

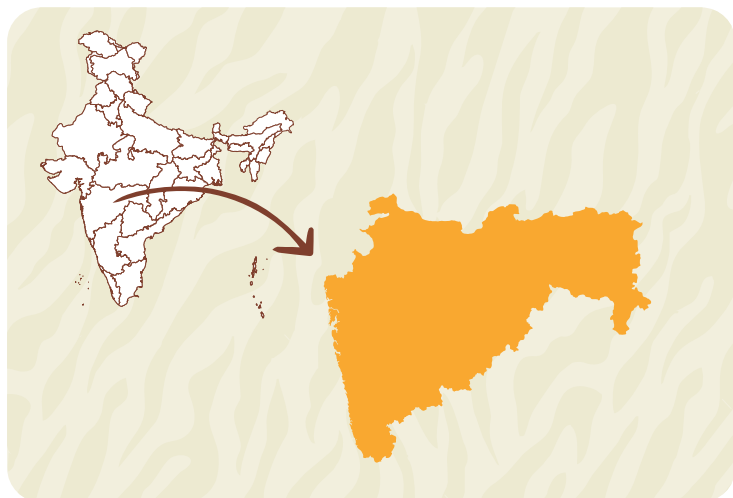




TADOBA-ANDHARI TIGER RESERVE MAHARASHTRA



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' at Tadoba Tiger Reserve was flagged off on 1st October 2021. A programme of NTCA flag handover to Field Director, Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve was organized at Chandrapur Forest Academy. A brief discussion was done regarding the purpose of the rally. Forest personnels, locals, representatives from Non Government Organizations etc. were a part of the event. In total 170 people participated in the event.



'Tiger Pledge'
administered by
various stakeholders
during 'India for
Tigers-A Rally on
Wheels' inaugural
event at Tadoba Tiger
Reserve



**Forest officials
during the flag off
ceremony at
Tadoba-Andhari
Tiger Reserve**





Hand over of the NTCA flag by Indravati Tiger Reserve to Tadoba Tiger Reserve



Interactive session on biodiversity conservation with school students

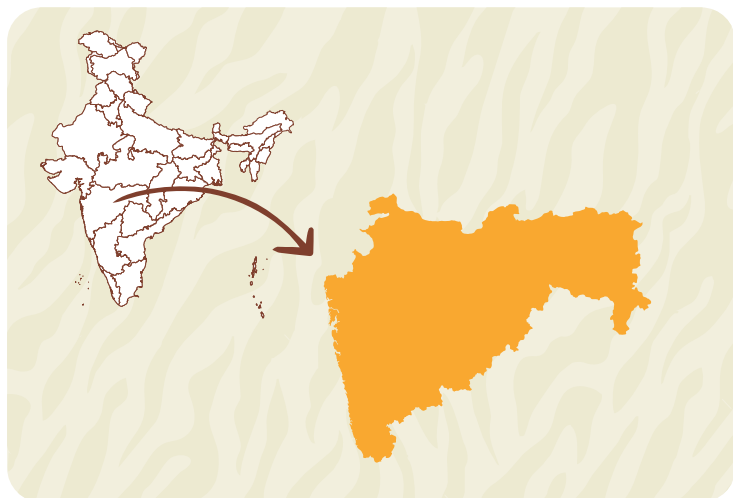




NAVEGAON-NAGZIRA TIGER RESERVE MAHARASHTRA



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' at Navegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve commenced on 2nd October 2021. A virtual flag event was organised at MoEFCC where the Hon'ble Minister Environment, Forest and Climate Change virtually flagged off the rally. Motor cycle rally, street play, march past, skit on tiger conservation was organised during the event. Villagers, staff from Navegaon bandh, forest officials, students, staff of Special Tiger Protection Force (STPF) and Nagzira block etc. participated in the programme. In total over 600 people participated.



Penalists during the inaugural event of 'India for Tigers: A Rally on Wheels' at Navegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve





Hand over of the NTCA flag by Tadoba Tiger Reserve to Navegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra



Cultural performances given by the school students

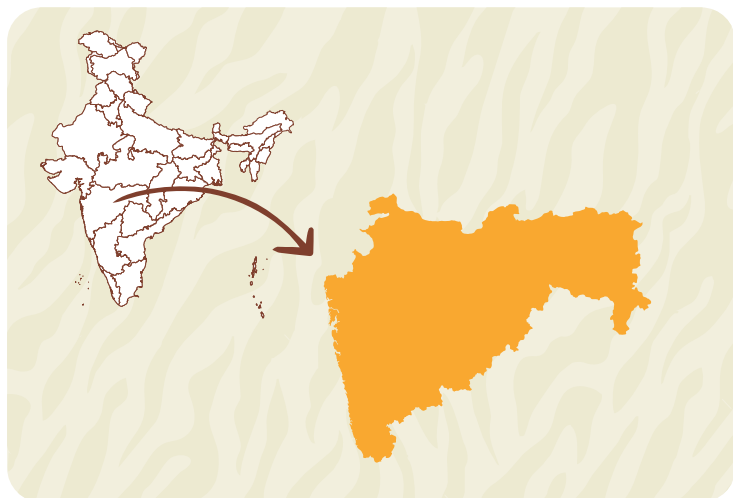




PENCH TIGER RESERVE MAHARASHTRA



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' at Pench Tiger Reserve was flagged off on 3rd October 2021. Cultural programmes by locals and quiz competition for students was conducted. Joint Forest Management Committee (JFMC), Self Help Group members, retired forest officers, students, locals were amongst the targeted stakeholders. An interactive session was also held at Shri. Balasaheb Thackeray Gorewada International Zoological Park and with Forest Development Corporation of Maharashtra (FDCM) officers and retired forest officers. In total 450 people participated in the event.



Various stakeholders administering 'Tiger Pledge'



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' flag off at Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra





Hand over of the NTCA flag by Nawegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve to Pench Tiger Reserve



Glimpses of rally starting from Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra

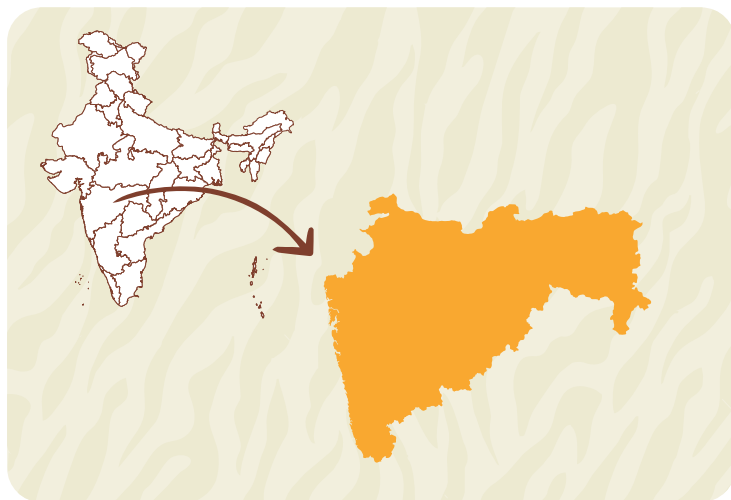




BOR TIGER RESERVE MAHARASHTRA



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' at Bor Tiger Reserve was flagged off on 4th October 2021. At Navargoan village Shri Rahul Gawai, Divisional forest officer Bor Tiger Reserve, villagers, sarpanch welcomed the rally, Shri Rahul Gawai explained about the rehabilitation of Navargoan village from core area of Bor Tiger Reserve. Interactive session was held on 'Rehabilitation of village policy' and a cultural programme was also organized before the rally departed to Melghat Tiger Reserve. In total 100 people participated in the programme.



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' at Bor Tiger Reserve





Hand over of the NTCA flag by Pench Tiger Reserve to Bor Tiger Reserve



Glimpses of rally starting from Bor Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra

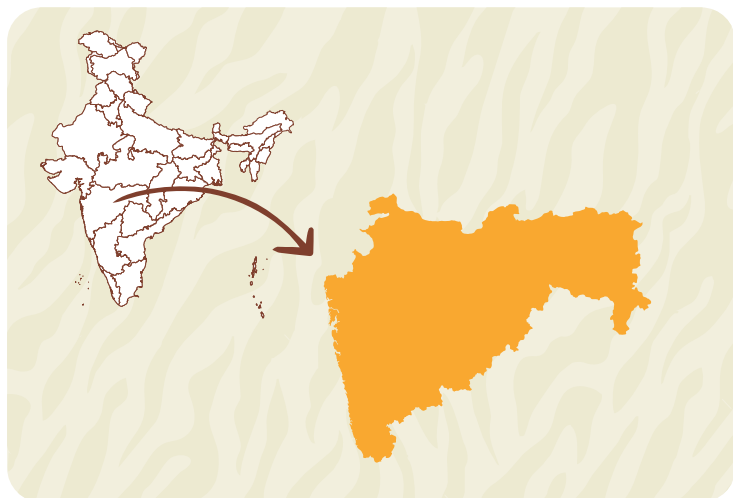




MELGHAT TIGER RESERVE MAHARASHTRA



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' mega celebration was organised by Melghat Tiger Reserve on 6th October 2021. A press conference at Amazari interpretation centre and an exposure visit was organised for media persons to enable wide publicity of the event. A cycle rally was also flagged off to spread the message of protection of forests and environment. Poster exhibition, rapid rescue team exhibition, film show tree plantation drive, tribal dance etc. were some of the other outreach activities organised during the mega event. In total over 650 people participated in the event.



Tiger Reserve teams welcomed at Melghat Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra for the mega celebration





Hand over of the NTCA flag to Melghat Tiger Reserve



Forest officials and school students participating in the event

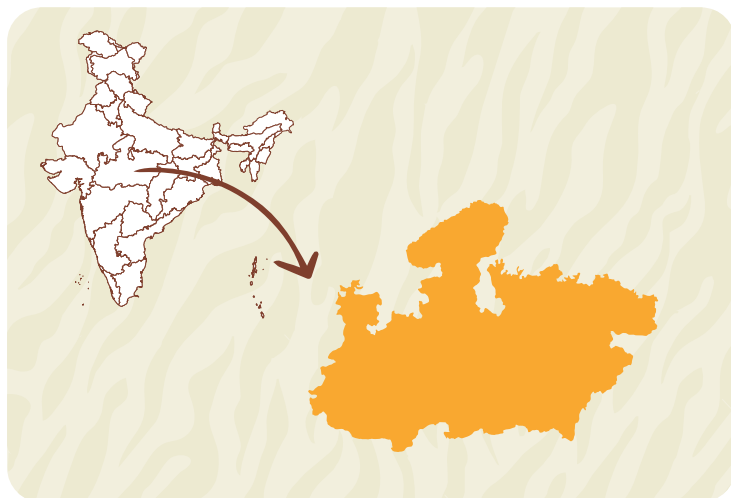




BANDHAVGARH TIGER RESERVE MADHYA PRADESH



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' at Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve commenced on 1st October 2021. The rally was inaugurated by Shri Vincent Rahim IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve along with other stakeholders such as forest staff, members from revenue department, guide union, students, Eco-development Committee chairperson, media persons and representatives from Non Government Organizations. Various outreach activities including rangoli making and tribal folk dances were organised. In total over 700 people participated in the event.



Dignitaries during Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' inaugural event





Dance performance by tribal community during the inaugural event



Rally all set to flag off from Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve





SANJAY-DUBRI TIGER RESERVE MADHYA PRADESH



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' at Sanjay Dubri Tiger Reserve commenced on 2nd October 2021. The programme was virtually flagged off by Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Shri Bhupendra Yadav through an event held at MoEFCC. Special tribute was paid to late Shri Mahatma Gandhi in the presence of dignitaries. School and college students, public representatives, civil society members, Non Government Organizations, media persons and Eco-development Committee members joined the programme. Wall painting, rangoli and poster making activities were conducted. In total 350 people participated.



Awareness activities conducted for school children





Virtual flag off event organised at MoEFCC graced by the presence of Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change and Hon'ble Minister of State for Environment, Forest & Climate Change



Dignitaries administering 'Tiger Pledge'

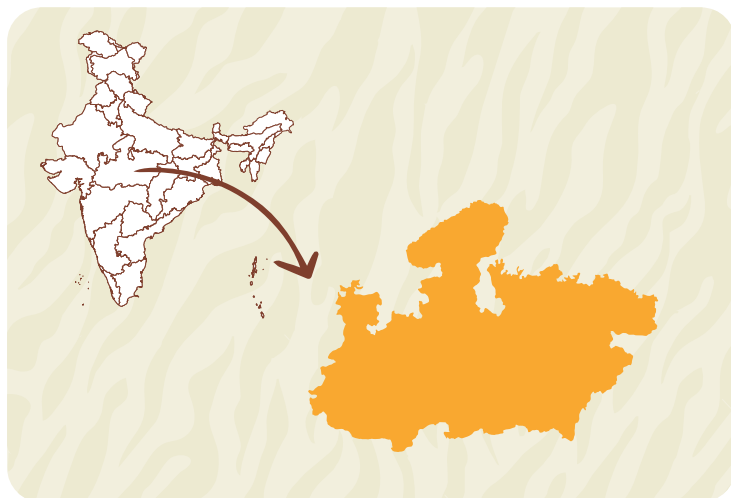




PANNA TIGER RESERVE MADHYA PRADESH



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' at Panna Tiger Reserve commenced on 3rd October 2021. Event was graced by Hon'ble Minister of Mines and labour, District collector, State President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Zilla panchayat Panna. Event included cultural shows by school children from Private and Public School and children of the residential school. NTCA flag from Sanjay Tiger Reserve was handed over to Panna Tiger Reserve. 2km rally on foot along with school children and 5km rally on bikes and 4 wheelers was organised. The Team circled entire Panna city and successfully sent off NTCA flag to Satpura Tiger Reserve. Participants were given T-shirts



and Caps and event ended with Tiger Pledge. In total 300 people participated in the event.



Glimpses of 'India for Tigers a Rally on Wheels' at Panna Tiger Reserve





NTCA flag handed over by Sanjay-Dubri Tiger Reserve to Panna Tiger Reserve



Cultural performances by children spreading the message of wildlife conservation





SATPURA TIGER RESERVE MADHYA PRADESH



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' at Satpura Tiger Reserve commenced on 4th October 2021. Forest officials, members of the Indian Military Band, school students, villagers, guides, media representatives etc. were some of the targeted stakeholders. Around 600 people participated in the event.



**Indian Military Band performance during 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels'
inaugural event at Satpura Tiger Reserve**





NTCA flag handed-over by Panna Tiger Reserve to Satpura Tiger Reserve



Forest officials and other stakeholders administering 'Tiger Pledge'

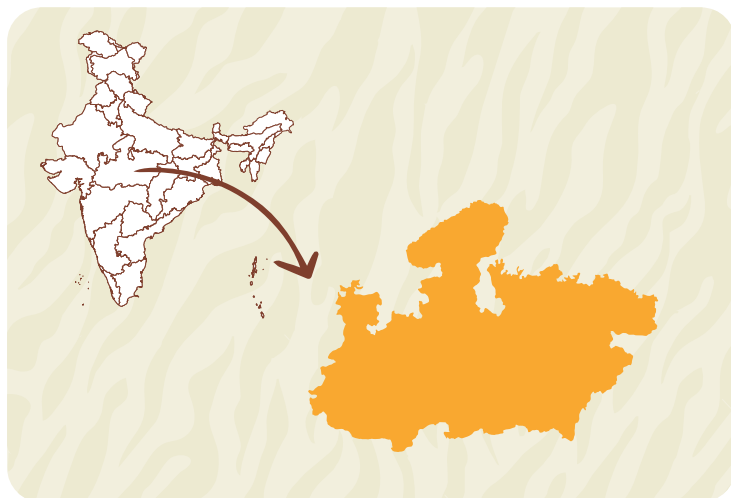




PENCH TIGER RESERVE MADHYA PRADESH



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' at Pench Tiger Reserve commenced on 5th October 2021. Several outreach activities were conducted involving local communities, students, villagers, members of Eco-Development Committee and public representatives, members of resort association etc. Targeted stakeholders were engaged through folk music, awareness through education, plantation drive and demonstration of activities by dog and rescue squad. In total approximately 2500 people participated in the event.



Glimpses of 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' at Pench Tiger Reserve





Highlights of 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' at Pench Tiger Reserve



Various stakeholders administering the 'Tiger Pledge'





KANHA TIGER RESERVE MADHYAPRADESH



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' mega celebration was organised by Kanha Tiger Reserve on 7th October 2021. Dr. S.P. Yadav, Member Secretary, NTCA, Smt. Sarswati Maravi, President, Jila Panchayat, Mandla and Shri Sailesh Mishra, Vice President, Jila Panchayat, Mandla were some of the dignitaries present during the mega celebration. Interactive sessions and awareness programmes spreading the message of nature conservation were organised for the school and college students and faculty members, locals, public representatives, media persons etc. In total over 1000 people participated in the mega event.



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' mega celebration at Kanha Tiger Reserve





NTCA flag handed over by
Pench Tiger Reserve to
Kanha Tiger Reserve



Additional Director General
(Project Tiger) & Member
Secretary NTCA(L) during
the mega celebration at
Kanha Tiger Reserve



Cultural performances by
children on the theme of
biodiversity conservation





MUKUNDRA HILLS TIGER RESERVE RAJASTHAN



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' at Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve was flagged off on 5th October 2021. To mark the commencement of the event, a plantation drive was organised. Awareness camp, workshop and interactive session related concerning the topic of tiger conservation were conducted for forest staff, local and civil society members, wildlife enthusiasts, representatives from NGOs, etc. In total around 140 people participated in the event.



Plantation drive organised as a part of 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' event





Rally flagged off from Mukundra Tiger Reserve



Glimpses of the rally starting from Mukundra Tiger Reserve





SARISKA TIGER RESERVE RAJASTHAN



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' at Sariska Tiger Reserve commenced on 6th October 2021. Forest officials, nature guides, drivers, local Eco-development Committee members and participated in various awareness programmes related to wildlife conservation. In total over 50 people participated in the event.



NTCA flag handed over to Sariska Tiger Reserve by Mukundra Tiger Reserve





Forest officials at Sariska Tiger Reserve



Rally all set to flag off at Sariska Tiger Reserve



Glimpses of the rally from Sariska Tiger Reserve





RANTHAMBORE TIGER RESERVE RAJASTHAN



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' mega celebration was conducted by Ranthambore Tiger Reserve at Sawaimadhopur on 8th October 2021. Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly Sawaimadhopur, Shri Danish Abrar was the Chief Guest for the event. School students participated in an excursion tour to Ranthambore Tiger Reserve and various other awareness activities such as poster making, essay writing, quiz etc. Apart from the students, media persons, wildlife enthusiasts, forest officials and representatives from NGOs were also a part of the event. Over 1000 people participated in the mega celebration.



'India for Tiger A Rally on Wheels' mega celebration preparations at Sawaimadhopur





**Hon'ble MLA
Sawaimadhopur, handing
over the certificate to the
school student**



**Group photograph during
'India for Tigers-A Rally on
Wheels' mega celebration at
Ranthambore Tiger Reserve**



**Glimpses of 'India for Tigers-
A Rally on Wheels' from
Ranthambore Tiger Reserve**



'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' organised under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav was a grand success and had a multiplier effect on people from different walks of life-forest officials, school & college students, media persons, representatives from NGOs, locals etc. Spreading the message of biodiversity conservation, 'India for Tigers-A Rally on Wheels' journeyed across 51 tiger reserves, covered over 7500km. in 7 days, mobilizing over 75000 people pan India across Tiger landscapes.



AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV 'AMRIT PETIKA' FEEDBACK COMPILATION

'Amrit Petika' (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav feedback box) was kept at each focal point (Palamau, Sundarban, Similipal, Corbett, Manas, Bandipur, Melghat, Kanha and Ranthambore) of mega celebration to encourage local public to give feedback/ opinion related to the topics

concerning forest protection, climate change, wildlife conservation, environment, poaching etc. A total number of 203 feedbacks were received from the public/participants/staff across tiger range states.

A.	Suggestions from Public	Total Number of feedbacks received/Feedbacks received per regional language	Remarks of NTCA
1.	Prevent straying animals from Park	6 English : 2 Hindi : 4	- SOP to deal with emergency arising due to straying of tigers in human dominated landscapes in place - Solar fencing done on the fringe areas of park to prevent straying animals
2.	Provide employment to local people	9 Hindi : 6 Odiya : 3	Under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger (CSS-PT), 25 lakh man days are generated through direct engagement as anti-poaching watchers, fire watchers, drivers, elephant mahouts, nature guides besides ministerial staff. Indirectly, people are engaged in several ecological development works such as Self-help Groups in thematic areas, support to farmstead, micro-finance, alternative livelihood support to name a few.
3.	Install solar lamps in fringe area to prevent wild animal movement	5 Hindi : 5	Funding support provided on need basis under CSS-PT
4.	Enhance and expedite payment of compensation for crop damage and loss by wildlife	8 Kannada : 4 English : 4	Compensation provided under CSS-PT and Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna (PMFBY)
5.	Speedy payment of compensation for injury or loss of cattle / human life	7 Hindi : 7	



A.	Suggestions from Public	Total Number of feedbacks received/Feedbacks received per regional language	Remarks of NTCA
6.	Distribute fruit plants free in villages	6 English : 3 Bengali : 3	Taking social forestry schemes into consideration different varieties of fruit plants distributed
7.	Fodder & fuel collection be allowed from Park	11 Hindi : 5 Bengali : 3 Kannada : 3	Collection of fuel and fodder for bonafide use is done as per Wildlife Protection Act 1972
8.	Free entry to the park	10 English : 3 Hindi : 3 Kannada : 3 Bengali : 1	The funds collected through park entry tickets are utilized for the betterment of the park and communities in fringe areas.
9.	Provide crop Insurance	9 Hindi : 5 English : 4	Provided as per Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna (PMFBY)
10.	Provide cattle & human life insurance	7 Odiya : 4 Hindi : 3	Compensation provide as per NTCA's Compendium of Guidelines, Advisories and Orders
11.	Involve us in the activities of Park	11 English : 11	Involvement of locals enabled through Eco Development Committees (EDCs) and Local Advisory Committees
12.	Provide community facilities in village	12 Hindi : 4 English : 6 Bengali : 2	Entry point activities conducted through Eco Development Committees
13.	Provide job training	7 English : 6 Kannada : 1	Capacity building programmes conducted for training purposes
		Total 108	

B.	Suggestions from casual & regular staff	Total Number of feedbacks received/Feedbacks received per regional language	Remarks of NTCA
1.	Regularize our job (casual workers)	6 English : 6	NTCA will write to the States to regularize jobs as per prevailing conditions



B.	Suggestions from Public	Total Number of feedbacks received/Feedbacks received per regional language	Remarks of NTCA
2.	Ensure timely payment of wages	8 Hindi : 8	NTCA will write to the States to ensure timely payment of wages as per prevailing rules
3.	Provide ration allowance to casual workers	6 Hindi : 2 Bengali : 2 Odiya : 2	As per CSS (PT)
4.	Provide facilities at Chowkis – kitchen, toilet, drinking water	10 English : 2 Hindi : 6 Bengali : 2	Funding support provided under CSS (PT)
5.	Uniform on regular basis	9 Hindi : 9	Funding support provided under CSS (PT)
6.	Provide safety gear	5 Hindi : 2 Bengali : 3	Funding support provided under CSS(PT)
7.	Provide health & life insurance cover	7 English : 4 Hindi : 3	NTCA will write to States regarding this matter
8.	Provide job to the dependent of deceased causal workers	9 Hindi : 7 Odiya : 1 Bengali : 1	As per provisions under State norms
9.	Provide school for our kids and also hostel facility in town	10 English : 5 Hindi : 3 Odiya : 2	NTCA will write to States to provide subsidized education and infrastructure facility
10.	Need arms for patrolling	7 Hindi : 5 Kannada : 2	Under State norms
11.	Ensure timely promotion	3 Hindi : 3	Under State norms
12.	Increase Project Allowance	3 Hindi : 3	NTCA will take this into consideration for future matters
13.	Name roads and FRH on name of Martyrs	4 English : 4	Ongoing



B.	Suggestions from Public	Total Number of feedbacks received/Feedbacks received per regional language	Remarks of NTCA
14.	Reduce the size of Forest Beat (jurisdiction)	3 Bengali : 2 Hindi : 1	Can be taken at local level by the States
15.	Fill up vacancies	5 English : 2 Hindi : 3	Ongoing
		TOTAL : 95	

