



Place in News - Ranthambore National Park

Context: A group of twenty tourists found themselves stranded during a tiger safari in Ranthambore National Park when their canter malfunctioned, and the guide left them behind.



About Ranthambore National Park:

- **Location:** Located in the Sawai Madhopur district of Rajasthan, at the convergence



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of the Aravalli and Vindhya mountain ranges.

- Covers an area of 1,334 square kilometers (with a core area of approximately 275 square kilometers).

History:

- Established as the Sawai Madhopur Game Sanctuary in 1955.
- Designated as a Project Tiger Reserve in 1973.
- Elevated to National Park status in 1980.
- The surrounding forests are recognized as Sawai Mansingh and Kailadevi Sanctuaries.

Features:

- **Terrain:** Characterized by dry deciduous forests, rocky formations, and grassy plains, and dotted with lakes.
- **Fort Heritage:** Home to the 10th-century Ranthambore Fort (included in the UNESCO tentative list), featuring temples dedicated to Ganesh, Shiva, and Jain shrines.
- **Water Bodies:** Contains Padam Talao, the largest lake, with Jogi Mahal situated on its banks.
- **Flora:** Hosts over 300 species of plants, many of which possess medicinal properties.
- **Fauna:** Renowned for the Royal Bengal Tigers frequently observed during daylight hours; also includes leopards, hyenas, jackals, nilgai, sambar, chital, langurs, sloth bears, and more than 270 species of birds.