

PT Essentials



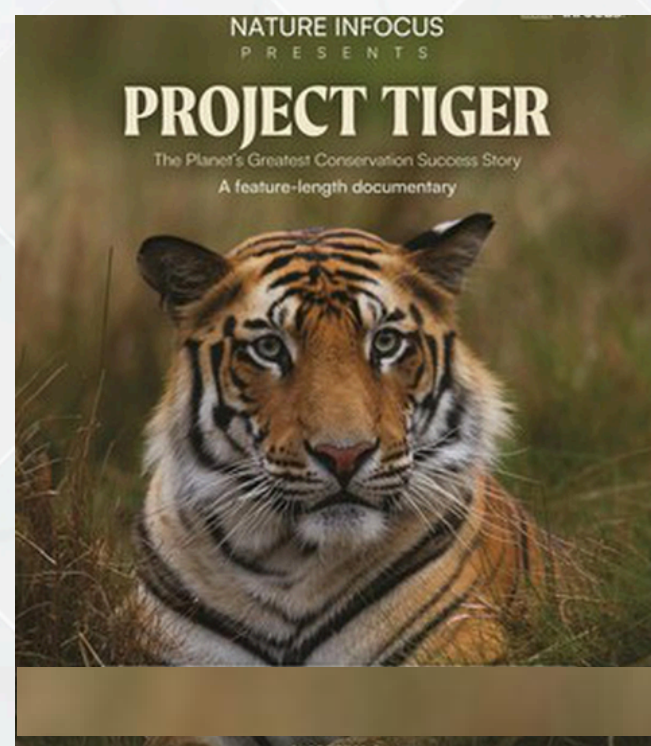
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Weekly Compilation
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Project Tiger in India

Overview

- A Centrally Sponsored Scheme by the Ministry of Environment and administered by NTCA to protect tigers and ensure their viable population.
- **Background:**
 - Late 20th century: Tiger population estimated between 20,000-40,000.
 - 1972 census recorded fewer than 1,800 tigers.
- **Launch:**
 - Launched in 1973 at Jim Corbett National Park, expanding with tiger reserves.
- **Tiger Reserves:**
 - India has 106 national parks and 565 sanctuaries, some designated as tiger reserves, using a core-buffer strategy for conservation.



Leader of Opposition (LoP) in India

Meaning of Leader of Opposition (LoP)

- Represents the largest opposition party or coalition in Parliament.
- Leads efforts to critique and scrutinize the government.
- Offers alternative policies and ensures robust legislative debates.
- Described by Ivor Jennings as the '**Alternative Prime Minister**'.

Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha

- Member from the largest opposition party in either Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha.
- Recognized by the **Speaker** in Lok Sabha and the **Chairman** in Rajya Sabha.
- Leads debates, discussions, and questions the government in both Houses.

Notes

- The role is not mentioned in the Constitution of India, but in the **Parliamentary Statute (1977)**.
- In the USA, the equivalent role is called the Minority Leader.



SERB-POWER Scheme

About

- Launched by the **Department of Science and Technology** to support women in science and research.
- Reduces gender funding gaps in scientific and engineering research.

SERB-POWER Objectives

- Promote women's participation in R&D projects.
- Raise awareness of women's role in science and technology.
- Support women's career advancement in S&T.
- Foster gender equality and an inclusive environment.

Eligibility Criteria

- **Research Grants:** Women scientists/faculty with Ph.D., aged up to 55, working in recognized institutions.
- **Fellowship:** Women scientists with Ph.D., not currently employed but aiming to return to science, aged up to 55.

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