



## **Rajasthan's Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve.**

### ➤ **Location:**

- The Mukundra Tiger Reserve (TR) is located near Kota, **Rajasthan**.
- The park is situated in a valley formed by **two parallel mountains** viz. Mukundra and Gargola.
- The 4 rivers (Ramzan, Ahu, Kali and Chambal) form the boundary of the valley.
- It is located on the eastern bank of the **Chambal River** and is drained by its tributaries.

### ➤ **Protected Area:**

- The Mukundra Hills was declared a **Wildlife Sanctuary** in **1955** and a National Park (Mukundra Hills (Darrah) National Park) in 2004.
- It was notified as a **Tiger Reserve (2013)** under the **Wildlife Protection Act, 1972** and became the **3<sup>rd</sup> Tiger Reserve** of Rajasthan in the form of the Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve.
- Other Tiger Reserves in Rajasthan: **Ranthambore** and **Sariska**.

### ➤ **History:**

- In the past, the reserve was the royal hunting ground of the **Maharaja of Kota**. The name Darrah is taken as the **'pass'** in the local language revealing the purpose that the



region served earlier. The Marathas, Rajput's and the British utilized the opportune position of the forest to seek asylum during war.

➤ **Parks and Sanctuaries Included:**

- The Mukundra TR constitutes 3 Wildlife Sanctuaries viz; **Darrah, Jawahar Sagar** and **Chambhal** and covers 4 key districts of Rajasthan (Kota, Bundi, Chittorgarh and Jhalawar). The forest of the reserve is very thick and dense.

➤ **Other National Parks (NP) in Rajasthan:**

- Desert NP, Keoladeo Ghana NP, Ranthambore NP, Sariska NP.