

Dibru Saikhowa National Park

Why in News?

Recently the Environment Ministry's forest advisory committee recommended the R&D proposal on Extended Reach Drilling technology subject to the condition that it will be used purely for research purposes

- Dibru Saikhowa National Park is a national park and biosphere reserve located in Assam.
- It is the ***largest salix swamp forest*** in northeast India.
- It is an identified Important Bird Area (IBA).
- The area was declared as Dibru Reserved Forest in 1890. In 1929, Saikhowa Reserve Forest was declared.
- It was declared as wildlife sanctuary in 1995. In 1997, Dibru-Saikhowa Biosphere Reserve was declared.
- Originally created to help conserve the habitat of the ***rare white-winged wood duck***.
- **Rivers** - The park is bounded by the Brahmaputra and Lohit Rivers in the north and Dibru River in the south.
- **Forest type** - Dibru-Saikhowa comprises of semi-evergreen forests, deciduous forests, littoral and swamp forests and patches of wet evergreen forests.
- The Park is renowned for natural regeneration of ***Salix trees***. It is famed for ***Ferral horses***.
- **Fauna** - 36 species of mammals have so far been recorded.

Tiger	Squirrels	Hoolock Gibbon
Elephant	Gangetic Dolphin	Wild Pigs
Leopard	Slow Loris	Sambar
Jungle Cat	Assamese Macaque	Barking Deer
Bears	Rhesus Macaque	Water Buffalo
Small Indian Civet	Capped Langur	

- **Birds** - It have more than 382 species of Birds.

Greater Adjutant Stork	Large Whistling Teal	Spot Billed Pelican
Lesser Adjutant Stork	Grey leg Goose	White Winged Wood Duck
Greater Crested Grebe	Grey-headed Fishing Eagle	Baer's Pochard
Large Cormorant	Griffon Vulture	Greater Spotted Eagle
Open bill Stork	Osprey	Pale Capped Pigeon
Black necked Stork	Crested Serpent Eagle	Great Pied Hornbill
Marsh Babbler	Jerdon's Babbler	Black Breasted Parrot bill

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