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Pro-tem Speaker of Lok Sabha

A senior Congress member is expected to be appointed as the pro-tem Speaker for the first session of the 18th Lok Sabha.

- **About** - A pro-tem Speaker is ordinarily elected for the **first sitting of a new legislative assembly** where the Speaker is yet to be elected.
- **Origin of the term**- Pro-tem is a Latin phrase which means “for the time being”.
- **Enshrined in** - The Constitution does not mention the post, but the official 'Handbook on the Working of Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs' details the 'Appointment and Swearing in of Speaker pro tem'.
- **Tenure**- The Pro tem Speaker is a **temporary speaker** appointed for a limited period of time.
- **Oath**-The **president administers** the oath of the office for the pro-tem speaker.
- Normally, 3 other elected members of the Lok Sabha are also appointed by the President for the MPs to take oath before them.
- They are administered the oath by the Speaker pro-tem in the Lok Sabha.
- **Duties**- Under **Article 188(1)**, it appears that a pro-tem Speaker only has the power to administer the oath to Assembly Members
 - The Pro-tem Speaker presides over the first sitting of the Lok Sabha, administers the oath of office to the newly elected MPs.
 - To conduct the vote for the speaker and deputy speaker.
 - On the election of new Speaker, the office of the pro tem speaker ceases to exist.
 - He also administers the floor test.

Quick Facts

- **Article 93** - Lok Sabha shall choose 2 members of the House to be the [Speaker](#) and Deputy Speaker. The Speaker is the Presiding Officer of Lok Sabha.
- The Speaker and deputy speaker of the Lok Sabha is decided by a **simple majority** (more than 50% of members present and voting).
- **Article 94** - Speaker of the House of the People remain in office until just before the first meeting of the newly elected House following a dissolution.
- **Article 99** - Every member of either House of Parliament shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before the President according to the form set out for the purpose in the 3rd Schedule.

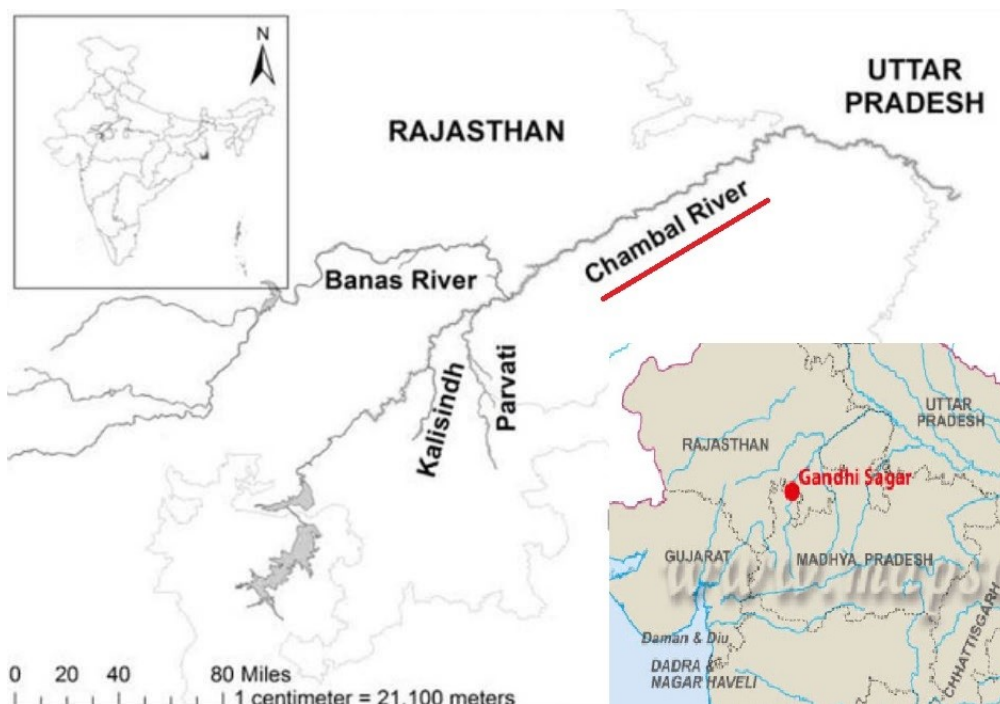
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Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary

The Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary is set to become the 2nd home for cheetahs in India, after the Kuno National Park.

- Gandhi Sagar wildlife sanctuary is a sanctuary spread over the Gandhi Sagar dam backwater.
- It was notified in 1974 and added to the list of sanctuary in 1984.
- **Location** - The sanctuary is spread across the districts of Mandsaur and Neemuch in **Western Madhya Pradesh**.
- This region is known a Nimar region which touches its border with **Rajasthan**.
- **Physiography**- It sits atop a **flat rocky plateau**, with the **Chambal River** cutting the sanctuary into two almost equal halves.

The Chambal River is a tributary of the Yamuna River, Chambal rises in the Vindhya Range, Madhya Pradesh and thus forms part of the greater Gangetic drainage system.



- **Forest type**- It has **Savanna ecosystem** (dry deciduous trees and shrubs) due to shallow topsoil.
- **Flora**- It has trees like Salai, Kardhai, Dhawda, Tendu, Palash etc.
- **Fauna**- It is known for some rare wildlife species like **Wild Dogs (Dholes)**, **Chinkara**, **Leopard**, **Otter**, **Mugger crocodile**.

Chaturbhuj Nala rock shelters is situated within this sanctuary.

Quick Facts

- [Project Cheetah](#) - To establish a viable cheetah (flagship species) metapopulation in India and provides space for the expansion of the cheetah within its historical range.

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