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Aravallis Ecology & Kumbhalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary



Down to Earth

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Flora of the Aravallis

- Tropical dry deciduous forests dominated by **Dhok** (*Anogeissus pendula*), **Khair** (*Acacia catechu*), and **Salar** (*Boswellia serrata*)

Kumbhalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary

- Located in **Rajsamand District, Rajasthan** in the Aravalli Range
- Recently declared an **Eco-Sensitive Zone** with total ban on mining and stone quarrying across **243 sq km**
- Serves as vital ecological buffer for **Kumbhalgarh Fort** (UNESCO World Heritage Site, built by Rana Kumbha)
- Acts as a green corridor between Udaipur and Jodhpur

Periyar Tiger Reserve

- Located in **Kerala**; one of the largest contiguous evergreen and semi-evergreen forest blocks in southern India
- Hosts: **40-45 tigers**, nearly **1,000 elephants**, over **2,000 flowering plant species**, **300 bird species**

UPSC Angle

- **GS1:** Geography (Aravallis)
- **GS3:** Biodiversity, protected areas, eco-sensitive zones

 FACTS CORNER — KNOWLEDGE PEDIA**KUMBHALGARH WLS:**

Location: Rajsamand, Rajasthan (Aravalli Range)

Area declared ESZ: 243 sq km

Fort: Kumbhalgarh (UNESCO WHS, built by Rana Kumbha)

Corridor function: Udaipur-Jodhpur green link

PERIYAR TIGER RESERVE (KERALA):

Tigers: 40-45; Elephants: ~1,000

Flowering plants: 2,000+ species; Birds: 300 species

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