



UPSC & STATE PCS CURRENT AFFAIRS · UJIYARI.COM

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

NTCA 29th Meeting: STRIDES 2026 and the Roadmap to Rescue

9 July 2026 ·

ENVIRONMENT

GS3

CURATED & WRITTEN BY

**Bharat Choudhary**

UPSC Educator & Content Creator

[in linkedin.com/in/epicbharat](https://www.linkedin.com/in/epicbharat)

ALSO FROM THE CREATOR

BharatNotesFree UPSC notes, MCQs, PYQ analysis. **100% Free.**bharatnotes.com →

ADVERTISE

Advertise with Ujiyari

Reach thousands of UPSC aspirants daily.

[✉ epicbharat@gmail.com](mailto:epicbharat@gmail.com)



NTCA 29th Meeting: STRIDES 2026 and the Roadmap to Rescue

9 July 2026 · 3 min read ·

Source: ujjyari.com — researched, fact-checked & UPSC-mapped

🟢 Every fact web-verified against primary sources (<https://ujjyari.com/how-we-verify/>)

WHY IN NEWS

The 29th meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) was held on July 9, 2026 at the Central Academy for State Forest Service (CASFOS), Coimbatore, chaired by Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav, and released STRIDES 2026 along with a Roadmap to Rescue.

WHAT IS THE NTCA

The **National Tiger Conservation Authority** is a [statutory](https://ujjyari.com/vocab/statutory/) body constituted in 2006 under the **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972** (<https://ujjyari.com/legislation/wildlife-protection-act-1972/>), following amendments recommended by the Tiger Task Force. It provides statutory teeth to **Project Tiger**, the flagship conservation programme launched in 1973. The **Union Environment Minister is its Chairperson**, and the Authority oversees the country's network of tiger reserves, approves tiger conservation plans and enforces standards of protection.

India is central to the global effort: the country hosts about **75% of the world's wild tigers**, making the NTCA's governance decisions significant well beyond national borders.

KEY OUTCOMES OF THE 29TH MEETING

The meeting released two major documents and cleared routine governance items.

STRIDES 2026 is the *Status of Tiger Reserves: Infrastructure, Development, Ecology and Social parameters*. It is an assessment framework that benchmarks tiger reserves not only on ecology but also on the infrastructure and social parameters that determine long-term conservation success.

The **“Roadmap to Rescue”** is a strategic roadmap for temporary and transit facilities used in the rescue, rehabilitation (<https://ujjayanti.com/vech/rehabilitation/>) and release of wild animals within tiger landscapes. As tiger numbers recover and human-tiger interfaces multiply, standardised transit facilities are essential for humane and scientific animal management.

The Authority also **approved the NTCA Annual Report 2024-25** and reviewed the Action Taken Report of the 28th meeting.

ITEM	DETAIL
Venue	CASFOS, Coimbatore
Chair	Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav
STRIDES 2026	Status of Tiger Reserves across infrastructure, development, ecology and social parameters
Roadmap to Rescue	Framework for transit facilities for rescue, rehabilitation and release
Governance	Approved Annual Report 2024-25; reviewed Action Taken Report of 28th meeting

ANALYSIS AND WAY FORWARD

The twin releases reflect a maturing conservation model. STRIDES 2026 signals a shift from headcount-centric success to a broader view that weighs habitat quality, reserve infrastructure and the social dimension of coexistence. The Roadmap to Rescue tackles the operational reality of conflict management. The pending challenges remain habitat fragmentation, prey-base management and reducing human-tiger conflict at the reserve edges, all of which demand data-driven governance and state cooperation.

UPSC RELEVANCE

GS Paper 3: Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation; environmental impact assessment (<https://ujjayanti.com/terms/environmental-impact-assessment/>); wildlife protection statutes and institutions.

Prelims pointers:

- The NTCA is a statutory body under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, constituted in 2006.
- The Union Environment Minister is the ex-officio Chairperson of the NTCA.
- Project Tiger was launched in 1973.
- The tiger is a Schedule I species under the Act and is listed as “Endangered” on the IUCN Red List.
- India hosts about 75% of the world’s wild tigers.

Mains question: “Fifty years after Project Tiger, India’s conservation challenge has shifted from saving the tiger to managing its success. Discuss with reference to human-tiger conflict and data-driven conservation governance.” (15 marks, 250 words)

FACTS CORNER

★ FACTS CORNER, KNOWLEDGEPEDIA

NTCA: Statutory authority under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, constituted 2006; chaired by the Union Environment Minister.

Project Tiger: Centrally sponsored conservation scheme launched in 1973.

STRIDES 2026: Status of Tiger Reserves: Infrastructure, Development, Ecology and Social parameters.

Roadmap to Rescue: Strategy for temporary and transit facilities for rescue, rehabilitation and release of wild animals in tiger landscapes.

CASFOS Coimbatore: The Central Academy for State Forest Service, functioning under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Sources: *Press Information Bureau* (<https://pib.gov.in/>), *Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change* (<https://moef.gov.in/>), *Down To Earth* (<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/>)

Source: NTCA 29th Meeting: STRIDES 2026 and the Roadmap to Rescue — Ujjyari.com | Free UPSC & State PCS Current Affairs

RELATED EDITORIALS

DOWN TO EARTH

[2.8 Million Trees on the Ledger: The Arithmetic of Forest Loss](#)

9 Jul

DOWN TO EARTH

[The Red List Grows Longer: Extinction Reaches the Deep and the Dry](#)

9 Jul

DOWN TO EARTH

[A Banned Poison in Kota's River: When Old Chemicals Kill](#)

9 Jul

DOWN TO EARTH

[Beyond the Fortress: Rethinking Conservation With Communities, Not Against Them](#)

8 Jul

RELATED KEY TERMS

Ujjayari Current Affairs · ujjayari.com · Free Daily Current Affairs for UPSC & State PCS

KEY TERM

[Access and Benefit Sharing \(ABS\)](#)

The framework for the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising...

KEY TERM

[Agasthyamalai BR](#)

A UNESCO-designated biosphere reserve in the southern Western Ghats...

KEY TERM

[Agri-Photovoltaic](#)

A dual land-use technology that integrates elevated solar panels with...

KEY TERM

[Aquifer](#)

Underground layer of permeable rock, sediment, or soil that stores and...

Ujiyari Current Affairs · ujiyari.com · ~~Free Daily~~ Current Affairs for UPSC & State PCS

CURATED & WRITTEN BY

Bharat Choudhary

UPSC Educator & Content Creator

[in linkedin.com/in/epicbharat](https://www.linkedin.com/in/epicbharat)[Read Full Article on Ujiyari →](#)<https://ujiyari.com/daily/2026/07/09/ntca-29th-meeting-strides-2026/>

ALSO FROM THE CREATOR

BharatNotes

Free UPSC study platform — subject-wise notes across all 4 GS papers, Prelims MCQs, Mains answer frameworks, PYQ analysis & progress tracking. **100% Free • No Login Required.**

[Start Preparing → \[bharatnotes.com\]\(https://bharatnotes.com\)](#)

📌 OPPORTUNITY

Advertise with Ujiyari

Reach **thousands of serious UPSC & State PCS aspirants** daily through our PDFs, website, and social channels.

Ideal for: Coaching institutes • EdTech platforms • Book publishers • Exam prep apps

[✉ epicbharat@gmail.com](mailto:epicbharat@gmail.com)

Write to us for rates & media kit

Free UPSC & State PCS Current Affairs · ujiyari.com · bharatnotes.com