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NOTICE

Sub: Complete closure of all tourism activities in Sundarban Tiger Reserve on 11th & 12th December, 2025 in connection with Phase-I (Sign Survey) of All India Tiger Estimation 2025-26

It is hereby notified for information of all concerned that the Phase-I (Sign Survey) of the All India Tiger Estimation (AITE) 2025-26, under the guidance of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), Government of India, will be conducted in Sundarban Tiger Reserve on 11th December and 12th December, 2025.

The Sign Survey is a critical scientific exercise for assessing tiger population and co-predators. Any anthropogenic disturbance, inside the Reserve, can compromise the accuracy and reliability of the data.

In order to ensure undisturbed conditions during the survey period, all tourism-related activities shall remain completely suspended throughout the Sundarban Tiger Reserve on 11th December 2025 and 12th December 2025 (both days inclusive).

All tour operators, boat owners, hoteliers, lodge owners, and visitors are requested to take note of this closure. The on line booking shall remain suspended on above two dates.

This notice is issued in larger public interest and for the conservation of the Royal Bengal Tiger.

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Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director
Sundarban Tiger Reserve

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Copy forwarded for kind information to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife & Chief Wildlife Warden, West Bengal
2. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Director, Sundarban Biosphere Reserve
3. The Divisional Forest Officer, South 24 Parganas
4. The Deputy Field Director, Sundarban Tiger Reserve
5. Range Officer, Eco Tourism Range, Sundarban Tiger Reserve. He may inform tour-operators, boat-owners and hotel, lodge-owners regarding closure.

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Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director
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