

# PRABHA IAS IPS COACHING ACADEMY



Ten years after it was notified as an eco-sensitive zone (ESZ), a committee of monks recently demanded scrapping of this conservation status for the Girnar Wildlife Sanctuary that houses 54 lions so that all religious activities can be organized freely.

## **Girnar Wildlife Sanctuary**

It is located in the Junagadh district of Gujarat.

It spans the rugged terrain of the Girnar hills, which are a part of the Saurashtra region.

Girnar has a rich cultural and religious significance with Hindu and Jain temples situated on the hills.

Predominantly dry deciduous forests with species like teak, dhak, acacia, and other drought-resistant plants.

The sanctuary supports a mix of dense forest, open scrub, and grasslands.

It is filled with abundant wildlife, including Asiatic lions, spotted deer, Sambar, Chousinghas, Chinkaras, leopards, Indian golden jackals, and around 300 species of birds, which include both resident and migratory.

It serves as an extension of the Gir National Park's lion population.