



Saving the tigers of Bandipur

THE "Save the tiger" campaign just got a boost. The government is planning to set up a task force to save the big cats at the Bandipur Tiger Reserve. The move comes after a threat from the centre and a lot of hue and cry over four tiger deaths this year and more last year.

Do task forces actually save tigers? There is heated debate in the environmental circles here. Hard-core conservationists believe the only way to save tigers is to have a strict command-and-control system that treat local people as enemies of the park. Others argue against such an approach and consider people as integral to any environment. And angry people are very bad for the environment.