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Solar fence to reduce man-animal conflict near Tadoba tiger sanctuary in Maharashtra

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Mumbai, India - May 23, 2019: CM Devendra Fadnavis reaches Matoshri to meet Uddhav Thackeray after BJP's Victory in Lok Sabha election, Kalanagar, Bandra East in Mumbai, India, on Thursday, May 23, 2019. (Photo by Aalok Soni/Hindustan Times) (Aalok Soni/HT PHOTO)

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Chandrapur district, which has a high tiger population, has seen the most tiger attack cases out of the total 88 recorded in 2020. Taking cognisance of the rising human-tiger conflict in Chandrapur, the Maharashtra government had set up an 11-

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Solar fence has been used in Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve in Maharashtra. A solar-powered fence is fed by the power generated from solar sources, including solar panels, batteries and energisers. These fences send non-lethal but sharp shock when an animal or person comes in contact with it, acting as a barrier to intruding animals, experts said.

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I hackeray, in a statement from the secretariat, said, "Cameras should be installed at places where wildlife, especially tigers, are found to monitor their movements. Some tigers should also be fitted with radio collars to monitor their movement, so that people can be alerted and human-wildlife conflicts can be avoided."

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