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# Maharashtra: Forest frontline staff to be honoured with Sanman Patra

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MUMBAI: The Government of India will honour 335 frontline forest staff from Maharashtra with a Sanman Patra for their contribution in the conservation of wildlife.

The frontline staff, which includes forest labourers, forest guards, foresters and range forest officers, are being honoured as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav for having spent over 75 months working in some of the remotest parts of the state with bare minimum facilities. There are 50 sanctuaries, six national parks and 15 conservation reserves in Maharashtra which form the protected areas. Some of these overlap with six tiger reserves.

be around 350.

The tiger population in the state in 2006 was 103 and is now estimated to

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