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40 days and Rs 1 crore later, man-eating tigress killed

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Forest officials with the carcass of the tigress

NAINITAL: Bringing to an end a search that lasted over 40 days and involved expenses of nearly Rs 1 crore, the elusive man-eating tigress who was stalking the area near Ramnagar was finally **shot dead** by a forest department shooter in Gorakhpur village on Thursday .

According to forest officials, the six-year-old tigress died

instantly after being shot thrice -in the head, stomach and front paw. As the news of the incident spread, hundreds of villagers reached the spot and paraded with the body . It was only after the intervention of the forest department that they were stopped.

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Parag Madhukar Dhakate, conservator of forests, western circle, who led the search operation, told TOI, "The tigress was spotted in the morning near a drain at Gorakhpur with the help of camera traps. Our team approached her with shooters mounted on three elephants" More than 100 camera traps, hunting dogs, drones, a helicopter and a team of 150 personnel, including five shooters, were deployed to track the man-eater. She was dubbed

the 'Sugarcane Tigress' because of her penchant for hiding in sugarcane fields.

The tigress had killed two persons and injured four in attacks that began in September. Villagers were scared to step out of their homes after sunset and students were prevented from going to school because of fear of the big cat.

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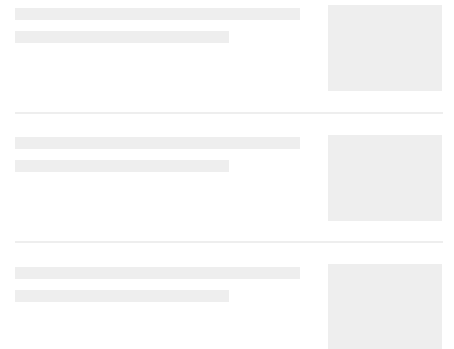
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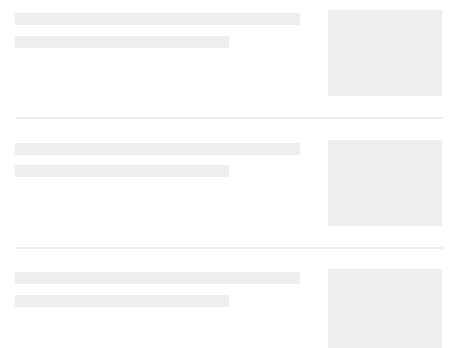


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