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## Safety Inspection of Coaching Centres in Madhya Pradesh | Madhya Pradesh | 30 Jul 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister directed officials to **inspect the coaching institutes in the State that have operations in basements.**

- This order came after **three UPSC aspirants died by drowning due to water-logging in the basement of a coaching centre in Delhi.**

### Key Points

- Instructions have already been issued to the 16 municipal corporations of the State to conduct inspections of **coaching institutes, hostels or other accommodation facilities, and any such establishments** in their area.
  - The **State government has asked the civic bodies to submit a report** in this regard.
- Many cities in Madhya Pradesh like **Bhopal, Indore, Gwalior and Jabalpur** have a number of **coaching institutes for various competitive exams**, including **UPSC, judicial services and JEE and NEET entrances.**
- The State has also been receiving heavy rainfall for more than a week with **several parts** such as Vidisha, Raisen and Ujjain **facing flood-like situations.**

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## Cheetahs in Gandhinagar Sanctuary | Madhya Pradesh | 30 Jul 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, Madhya Pradesh chief minister announced that **cheetahs would be released soon** in the **Gandhinagar Sanctuary** in Mandsaur district.

### Key Points

- The Chief Minister made the announcement on the occasion of **World Tiger Day.**
- On January 26, 2022, the **Indian and South African governments signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU)** to facilitate the relocation of cheetahs.
  - The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) establishes the **restoration of the cheetah population as a priority** for India.
  - This initiative is expected to have **significant and wide-ranging conservation implications.**
  - The primary goals are to **re-establish the cheetah's functional role** within its historical habitat in India and enhance the livelihoods and economies of the local communities.

# Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary

## ▪ Location:

- Notified in 1974, encompassing the districts of **Mandsaur and Neemuch** in western Madhya Pradesh, bordering Rajasthan.
- The **Chambal River** bifurcates the sanctuary into two nearly equal parts, with the Gandhi Sagar Dam situated within the sanctuary.

## ▪ Ecosystem:

- Its ecosystem is characterised by its **rocky terrain** and **shallow topsoil**, which supports a **savanna ecosystem**.
- This comprises **open grasslands** interspersed with **dry deciduous trees** and shrubs. Additionally, the riverine valleys within the sanctuary are evergreen.

## ▪ Ideal Habitat for Cheetahs:

- The sanctuary's resemblance to the **Maasai Mara**, a renowned national reserve in **Kenya** known for its savanna wilderness and abundant wildlife, highlights its suitability for cheetahs.

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# AFRICAN CHEETAH VS ASIATIC CHEETAH



## AFRICAN CHEETAH

- 🐾 **SCIENTIFIC NAME:**  
Acinonyx Jubatus
- 🐾 **DISTRIBUTION:**  
Across Africa from North-west Africa, East Africa, & Southern Africa
- 🐾 **SIZE:**  
Slightly bigger build with sturdier legs and neck
- 🐾 **SKIN:**  
Light brown to golden brown fur color, thicker than the Asiatic ones
- 🐾 **IUCN RED LIST STATUS:**  
Vulnerable



## ASIATIC CHEETAH

- 🐾 **SCIENTIFIC NAME:**  
Acinonyx Jubatus Venaticus
- 🐾 **DISTRIBUTION:**  
Only 12 Asiatic cheetahs, 9 males, and 3 females are left in Iran
- 🐾 **SIZE:**  
Slightly smaller and slender than the African cheetah
- 🐾 **SKIN:**  
Buff to light fawn color bordering pale yellow skin, has more fur underbelly and back of neck
- 🐾 **IUCN RED LIST STATUS:**  
Critically Endangered

