



## Cheetah Mitra Sammelan | Madhya Pradesh | 21 Feb 2025

### Why in News?

On 18 February 2025, **Cheetah Mitra Sammelan** was organized in [Kuno National Park](#), Sheopur, in which 100 Cheetah Friends participated.

### Key Points

- **About the conference :**
  - The conference was held on the **completion of two successful years of rehabilitation of cheetahs** introduced from South Africa to Kuno National Park .
  - Cheetah friends **shared their experiences and suggestions** related to the project, which can be helpful in improving this project in future.
  - Detailed information about [Project Cheetah](#) was given and direct experience of the work done under the project was shared.
- **Objective:**
  - The purpose of this conference was to **analyze the work done under the project.**
  - Through this it was ensured that all aspects were taken into consideration and contributed to the success of the Cheetah project .

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### Kuno National Park

- **About:**
  - **Kuno National Park** was established as a [wildlife sanctuary](#) in **1981** and declared [a national park](#) in **2018** .
- **Geography:**
  - It consists mainly of dry deciduous forests and the Kuno River, a major tributary of [the Chambal](#), flows through the park.
  - It is situated in [the Vindhya mountain range](#) .
- **Fauna:**
  - Leopard, striped hyena, Indian wolf, [blackbuck](#), sambar deer, [gharial](#) (Kuno River).
  - It was selected under [the action plan for the introduction of cheetah](#) in India .
- **Flora:**

- The primary **tree species are Kardhaai, Khair and Salai .**



# Cheetah

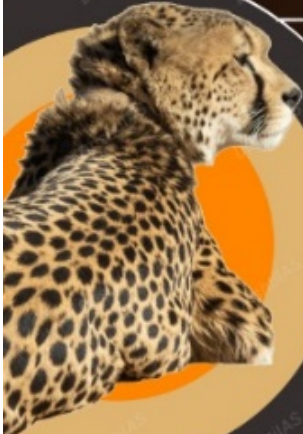
**Common Name** - Cheetah

**Scientific Name** - *Acinonyx jubatus*

- *Acinonyx jubatus jubatus* (African Cheetah)
- *Acinonyx jubatus venaticus* (Asiatic Cheetah)

## Reintroduction of Cheetah to India:

- The "Action Plan for Introduction of Cheetah in India" was released by MoEF&CC at the 19th meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) (January 2022).
  - Such a plan was first proposed in 2009.
- In September 2022, eight cheetahs landed in India from Namibia.
  - The 8 cheetahs have been relocated to the Kuno-Palpur National Park, Madhya Pradesh.
- The relocation of cheetahs to India from Namibia is the world's first inter-continental large wild carnivore translocation project.

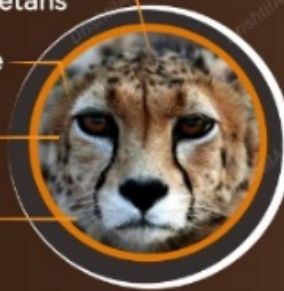


Slightly brownish and golden skin; thicker than the Asiatic Cheetahs

More prominent spots and lines on the face

Found all over the African continent

**IUCN Red List Status - Vulnerable**



## African Cheetah

Slightly smaller than the African ones.

Pale yellowish fawn coloured skin - more fur under body, belly specifically.

Found only in Iran; the country claims there are only 12 of them left. Year 1952 - Asiatic Cheetah officially declared extinct from India.

**IUCN Red List Status - Critically Endangered**



## Asiatic Cheetah



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