



Cheetah Mitra Sammelan

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

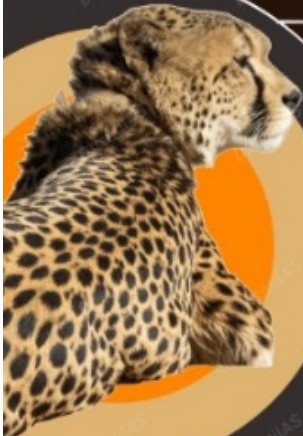
Common Name - Cheetah

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.

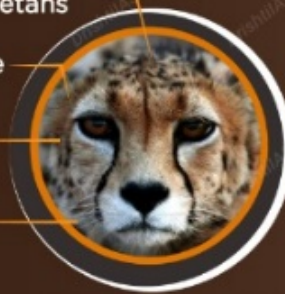


Slightly brownish and golden skin; thicker than the Asiatic Cheetahs

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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