



CHEETAH

Why in news Project Cheetah?

- The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) would facilitate the working of Cheetah Task Force and render all necessary help.
- The nine member task force will include Principal Secretaries, Forests and Tourism of Madhya Pradesh, and the Inspector General of NTCA, New Delhi.



Project Cheetah

- Project Cheetah is an ambitious project undertaken by Government of India which aims to re-establish the species in its historical range in India.
- This is the world's first project for inter-continental migration of large carnivorous wild animals.
- Eight cheetahs have been brought to India from Namibia under Project Cheetah.
- The cheetah population in India declined during the 19th century. 20 between India and the Government of Namibia the contract was signed on July 2022.

Cheetah

Oldest species of big cats

Discovery - in the Miocene era

The world's fastest, land mammal

African Cheetah

★ **Scientific name:**
Acinonyx jubatus

Features

- Skin slightly brown and thicker than golden and Asiatic cheetahs
- Too many spots and lines on the face

Distribution Thousands across the African continent

Protection Status

- IUCN Red List: 'Vulnerable'
- CITES: APPENDIX-I OF LIST
- Wildlife Protection Act, 1972: Appendix-2.

Asiatic Cheetah

★ **Scientific name:**
Acinonyx jubatus

Features

- Smaller than African Cheetah
- Too much fur on the body, small head and long neck
- Red eyes and they often look like cats

Delivery Only in Iran

Protection Status

- IUCN Red List: 'Critically Endangered'
- CITES: Appendix-I
- WPA: Schedule-2

