

REINTRODUCTION OF CHEETAH IN INDIA



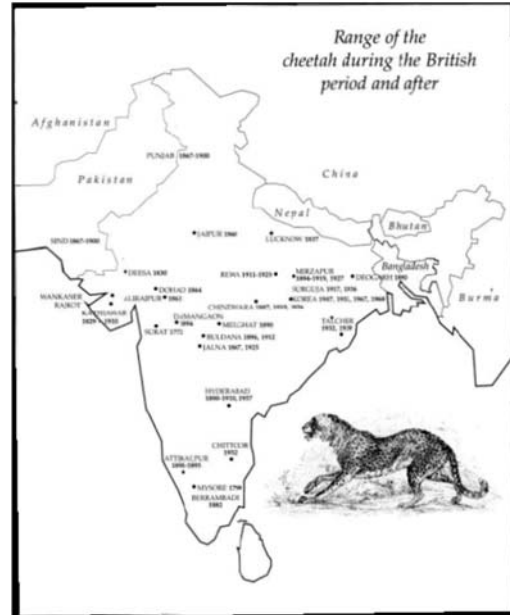
Consumer Education and Research Centre
Environmental Information System

September, 2020



The world today is witnessing the highest concern society has ever shown towards conservation of large carnivores and their ecosystems (Mech 1996, Schaller 1996, Weber & Rabinowitz 1996). Yet, the numbers and range of most of the large carnivores continue to decline (Dinerstein *et al.* 2007, Karanth & Chellam 2009). A major effort to stall and indeed try to reverse this declining trend has been through reintroduction/ conservation translocation efforts across the range of extirpated large carnivores (Breitenmoser *et al.* 2001). Successful establishment of carnivore populations as well as failures have marked such efforts (Smith & Bangs 2009, Johnsingh & Madhusudan 2009).

India has the long history of wildlife conservation. One of the most successful wildlife conservation ventures 'Project Tiger' which was initiated way back in 1972, has not only contributed to the conservation of tigers but also of the entire ecosystem. The Project Elephant launched in the year of 1992 to protect and conserve the Asian elephants in India. Similarly, many successful reintroduction programs have been carried out in India. In continuation of this, the reintroduction of Cheetah which we have lost recently, is a one step ahead and a milestone in the history of wildlife conservation India.



In order to revive the past glories and to restore the grassland habitats, the Government of India has decided to introduce the Cheetah, the only large carnivore species that went extinct in Independent India. The Cheetahs for release into the selected sites in India would be sourced from the African continent populations depending on the suitability and continued availability of animals. This international endeavour will not only strengthen the efforts for global conservation of the Cheetah but also the reestablishment of this species in its historical range.

The Objectives of the reintroduction Cheetahs are as follows;

- i. Re-establish the functional role of the Cheetah in representative ecosystems within its historical range. Here the cheetah will serve as a flagship to save not only its prey-base, but also other endangered species of the grassland and semi-arid ecosystems. Resources invested in these highly exploited and neglected systems will ensure better management and restore their ecosystem services for the country.
- ii. Contribute to the global effort towards conservation of the Cheetah as a species.

- iii. Additionally, Cheetah introduction is likely to improve and enhance the livelihood options and economies of the local communities.

Consumer Education and Research Centre, MoEF&CC's Resource Partner on 'Environment Literacy- Eco-labelling & Eco-friendly Products' conducted physical & virtual session on "Reintroduction of Cheetah in India" at seven schools in Ahmedabad. **(Annexure-I)**

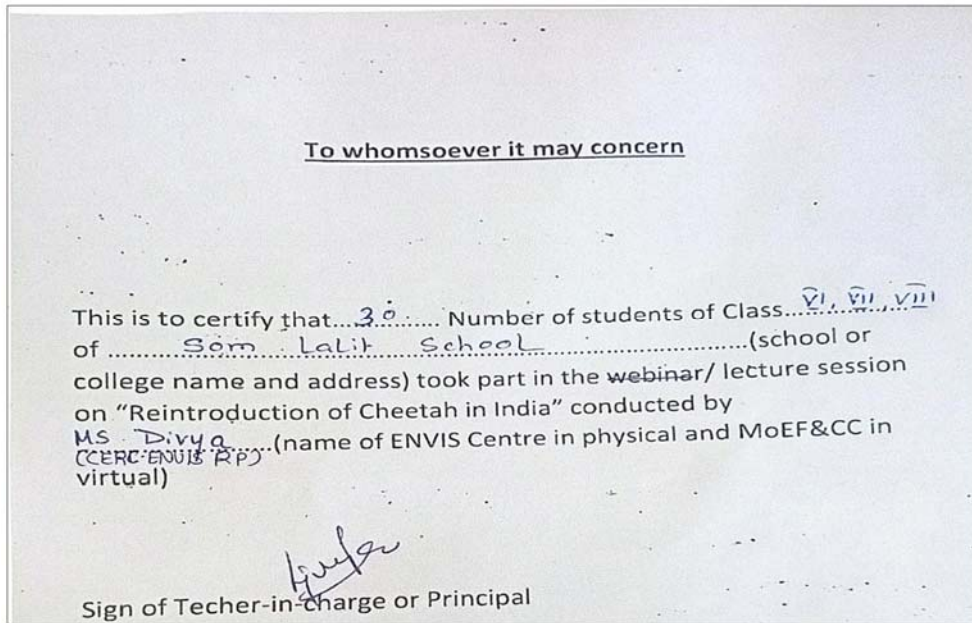
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1	Som Lalit School Maganbhai Barot Marg, Hindu Colony, Near Stadium Crossroads, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad	30	6 th , 7 th & 8 th	12.09.2022	English	Ms. Divya Namboothiri (Programme Officer)
2.	Pravin High School 76, Madhuvan Society, ONGC Nagar, Ranip, Ahmedabad	80	9 th , 10 th , 11 th ,& 12 th	13.09.2022	Gujarati	Ms. Mayuri Tank (IT Officer)
3.	F.D High School FD College Marg, Sindhivad, Jamalpur, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	100	12 th	14.09.2022	Gujarati	CERC-ENVIS: MoEFCC Virtual Mode
4.	Axay High School Patelwadi, Bapunagar Ahmedabad	120	11 th	14.09.2022	Gujarati	Ms. Mayuri Tank (IT Officer)
5.	Gujarat Vidyapith, Randheja, Gandhinagar, Gujarat	49	Sem: 1&3 of MBA Rural Management	15.09.2022	English	CERC-ENVIS: MoEFCC Virtual Mode
6.	Mount Carmel High School Navrangpura, Ahmedabad - 380009	50	Eco Club	15.09.2022	English	CERC-ENVIS: MoEFCC Virtual Mode
7.	V. R Shah High School, English Medium Near Yogeshwarnagar, Vasna, Ahmedabad	20	11 th & 12 th	16.09.2022	Hindi	Ms. Mayuri Tank, IT Officer

We have also promoted following competitions and webinar poster (12-16th September) on all social media platforms: **(Annexure-II)**

1. Short Poem
2. Slogan contest
3. Photography Contest

Annexure I

SOM-LALIT SCHOOL, NAVRANGPURA



PRAVIN HIGH SCHOOL, RANIP

To whomsoever it may concern

This is to certify that.....80..... Number of students of
Class...9 to 12... of
...Pravin H.S. Vidhyalaya, Ranip, A'bd.
(school or college name and address) took part in the
webinar/ lecture session on "Reintroduction of
Cheetah in India" conducted by ...CERC.....(name
of ENVIS Centre in physical and MoEF&CC in virtual)

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Principal / Sanchalak
Pravin H.S. Vidyalay
Madhuvan Society (O.N.G.C. Nagar)
Ranip, Ahmedabad.



F.D HIGH SCHOOL, JAMALPUR

To whomsoever it may concern

This is to certify that **100** Number of students of Class **12th** of **F.D. High school For Girls, Jamalpur, Ahmedabad** (school or college name and address) took part in the webinar/ lecture session on “Reintroduction of Cheetah in India” conducted by **CERC ENVIS RP** (name of ENVIS Centre in physical and MoEF&CC in virtual)

for 
Principal
F. D. High School For Girls
Jamalpur Darwaja (E),
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AXAY HIGH SCHOOL, BAPUNAGAR

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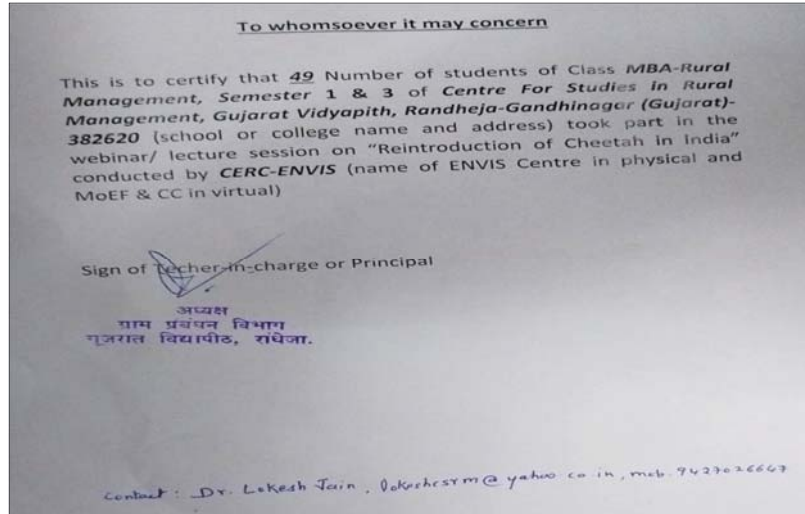
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AXAY HIGH SCHOOL
Bapunagar, Ahmedabad.

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GUJARAT VIDYAPITH, RANDHEJA-GANDHINAGAR



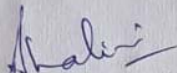
MOUNT CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL, NAVRANGPURA

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15th September, 2022

Eco Club

This is to certify that...50... Number of students of Class..... of
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in the webinar/ lecture session on "Reintroduction of Cheetah in India" conducted by
MEFCC.....(name of ENVIS Centre in physical and MoEF&CC in virtual)


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V. R SHAH HIGH SCHOOL, ENGLISH MEDIUM, VASNA

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This is to certify that.....²⁰..... Number of students of
Class XI XII..... of

... SHRI V.R. SHAH MEMORIAL ADARSH ENGLISH SCHOOL.....

(School or college name and address) took part in the
webinar/ lecture session on “Reintroduction of
Cheetah in India” conducted by CERC ENVIS RP (name
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Shri V.R. Shah Memorial Adarsh English School

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Principal

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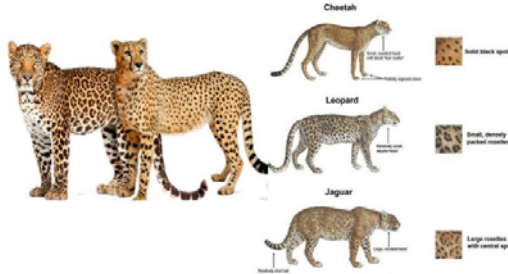


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Few questions may be asked

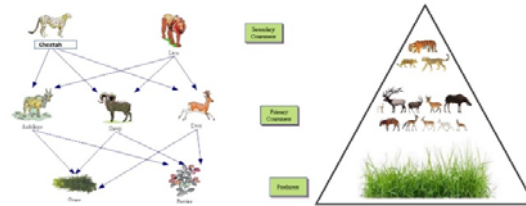
- What do you know about Cheetah??
- Why do we need Cheetah??
- How many of you wanted to see Cheetah??
- Have you heard that Cheetah got extinct from India??
- Have you heard that Cheetah will be coming back to India??

Could you able to recognize these Animals??



Source: Google Images

Cheetah –Apex carnivore in the Terrestrial Ecosystem



Source: Google Images

Distribution



Historically ranging throughout most of Sub-Saharan Africa and extending eastward into the Middle East and to central India, the cheetah is now distributed mainly in small, fragmented populations in central Iran and southern, eastern and northwestern Africa.

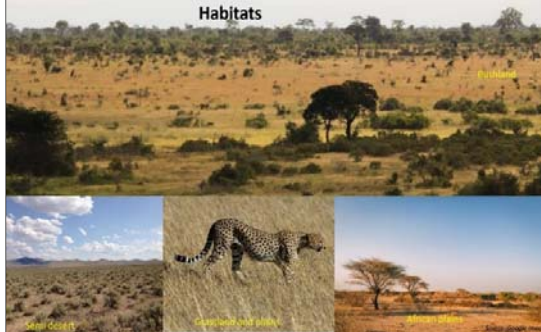
Basic facts

- The word Cheetah is derived from the **Sanskrit**: चित्रिय (Chitra-ya) meaning 'variegated', 'adorned' or 'painted'.
- Cheetahs are the fastest land animal on earth with top speed 113 km/hour
- While running they use their tail to help steer
- Weight :50-64 kg
- Life span 12-13 years
- They are diurnal, hunting in the late morning and early evening.
- Cheetahs can not roar, instead they purr and growl.



Source: Google Images

Habitats



Prey Species



Cheetahs mainly eat Gazelles, Wildbeast, Impalas, Wildboar, Chinkara, Blackbuck, Sambar deer and other smaller herbivores.

Source: Google Images

What was the distribution of cheetahs in India?

- Historically, Asiatic cheetahs had a very wide distribution in India.
- There are authentic reports of their occurrence from as far north as Punjab to Tirunelveli district in southern Tamil Nadu, from Gujarat and Rajasthan in the west to Bengal in the east.
- Most of the records are from a belt extending from Gujarat passing through Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha.
- There is also a cluster of reports from southern Maharashtra extending to parts of Karnataka, Telangana, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.



Source: Google Images



Cheetah Reintroduction in India



The Reintroduction of Cheetah in India is a combined efforts of The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate change (NTCA & WII) in collaboration with Madhya Pradesh Forest Department.

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Annexure-II




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IN THEIR
HABITAT
DEADLINE - 14TH
SEPTEMBER, 2022

RULES AND PRIZES:

**PHOTOGRAPHY
COMPETITION**

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EXPRESS YOUR THOUGHTS
THROUGH YOUR SLOGANS

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EXPRESS YOUR THOUGHTS
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