

Union Environment Minister Announces Birth of Three Cheetah Cubs at Kuno National Park

Number of Surviving India-Born Cheetah Cubs Rises to 27; Total Population at 38

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Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Shri Bhupender Yadav today announced that Kuno National Park has recorded the birth of three cheetah cubs.

In a social media post on 'X', Shri Yadav stated that the cubs were born to Gamini, a South African cheetah and a second-time mother. The birth has taken place on the occasion of completion of three years since the arrival of cheetahs from South Africa in India.

Another good news from Kuno 🐆 🌿

Kuno welcomes three new cubs - A roaring new chapter at Kuno on the occasion of completion of 3 years of arrival of cheetahs from South Africa.

Celebrations echo through Kuno National Park as Gamini, the South African cheetah and second-time... pic.twitter.com/JpqnfXlpYI

— Bhupender Yadav (@byadavbjp) February 18, 2026

With this, the ninth successful cheetah litter has been recorded on Indian soil. The number of surviving Indian-born cheetah cubs has now increased to 27. Following the birth of these cubs, India's total cheetah population has reached 38.

The Minister said that each successful birth strengthens Project Cheetah and reflects the continuous efforts and dedication of the field staff and veterinary teams engaged in the programme.

"A moment of pride for Kuno, and for India – may Gamini and her three little sprinters grow strong and carry the nation's cheetah revival story forward with speed and grace," Shri Yadav said.

World's first inter-continental translocation of a large carnivore successfully completed with 20 cheetahs from Namibia and South Africa coming to India in 2022-23.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi personally released the first eight cheetahs on 17 September 2022.

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