

Union Environment Minister Inaugurates New Office Premises of International Big Cat Alliance

**55 Lodhi Estate in New Delhi becomes the New Address of the IBCA
Headquarters**

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The new office premises of International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Bhupender Yadav, at 55 Lodhi Estate, in New Delhi today. DG (IBCA), Dr. S.P. Yadav welcomed the Minister and other dignitaries in the inaugural ceremony and gave a brief overview of IBCA, its activities and programmes. The inaugural ceremony was attended by dignitaries including DG (Forest) and Special Secretary (MoEFCC), Shri Santosh Tewari, and other senior officers from the Ministry.



The event also witnessed participation from the Union Minister of External Affairs; DG, Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA); DG, Coalition for Disaster Resilience Infrastructure (CDRI); DG, International Solar Alliance (ISA); and Heads/Representatives of various

international/UN organisations in India, i.e. UN, UNDP, World Bank, UNICEF, ADB, WWF, IUCN, UNEP, FAO and UNDSS, inter alia.

About IBCA

The International Big Cat Alliance, a treaty based inter-governmental international organisation, has been established with headquarters in India, for conservation of seven big cats in the world viz, Lion, Tiger, Leopard, Snow-Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar and Puma.

The Government of India has pledged an initial contribution of Rs.150 crore for five years (2023-24 to 2027-28). As of now, 29 countries from across the globe, including India, have joined IBCA as members and 5 countries have opted to be Observers and 11 other countries have consented to become members of the Alliance.

During a short span of two and half years of the establishment of IBCA, following are its important milestones:

- Two Capacity building programmes organised under the ITEC programme sponsored by MEA, for the foreign participants from different countries.
- PRIME cat health programme organised for veterinary doctors from 20 countries.
- Extensive and meaningful participation achieved in International fora such as CITES COP, UNFCCC COP, CITES Standing Committee Meeting etc.
- Awareness and Outreach activities such as International webinars, Global Photography Competitions held.



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