Botswana-born Cheetah gives Birth to Four Cubs in the Wild; India’s Cheetah Population Rises to 62

Shri Bhupender Yadav acknowledges Dedication, Commitment and Hard Work of Experts and frontline Forest Staff for the Success of Project Cheetah.

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A two-and-a-half-year-old female cheetah, KOMG 3, brought from Botswana, gave birth to four healthy cubs in the wild today, marking a significant milestone for Project Cheetah and India's efforts towards restoring a viable cheetah population.

In a post on social media, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Bhupender Yadav, stated that KOMG 3 is the first female cheetah from Botswana to give birth. He highlighted that she had spent more than four months in the wild before giving birth under natural conditions. This is the second recorded birth in the wild since the reintroduction programme began in 2022.

> KOMG 3, a two-and-a-half-year-old female cheetah from Botswana, gave birth to four healthy cubs in the wild today. Notably, she is the first female cheetah from Botswana to give birth. This is a landmark moment for Project Cheetah and a proud milestone in India’s journey towards restoring a viable cheetah population. Having spent more than four months in the wild, KOMG 3 has now given birth under natural conditions. This is the second recorded birth in the wild since the reintroduction programme began in 2022. With these four new arrivals, India's cheetah population has risen to 62, including 43 Indian-born individuals. Every such birth strengthens our hope, deepens our commitment and reminds us that conservation is a journey of patience, perseverance and collective effort. Behind this milestone lie countless hours of dedication, commitment and hard work by the managers, veterinarians, frontline forest staff and everyone working tirelessly for the success of Project Cheetah.
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> — Bhupender Yadav (@byadavbjp) November 20, 2026

Shri Yadav further stated that with the birth of the four cubs, India's cheetah population has increased to 62, including 43 Indian-born individuals. He described the development as a landmark moment for Project Cheetah and a proud milestone in India's journey towards restoring a viable cheetah population.

The Minister noted that every such birth strengthens hope and deepens the commitment towards conservation, while reaffirming that conservation requires patience, perseverance and collective effort. He also acknowledged the dedication, commitment and hard work of project managers, veterinarians, frontline forest staff and everyone working tirelessly for the success of Project Cheetah.

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