



Cub Dies in Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park

Why in News?

A five-month-old [cheetah](#) cub, born to the **African cheetah Gamini**, died at [Kuno National Park](#) in Madhya Pradesh.

- **Kuno National Park** now has **13 adult cheetahs** and **12 cubs** remaining.

Key Points

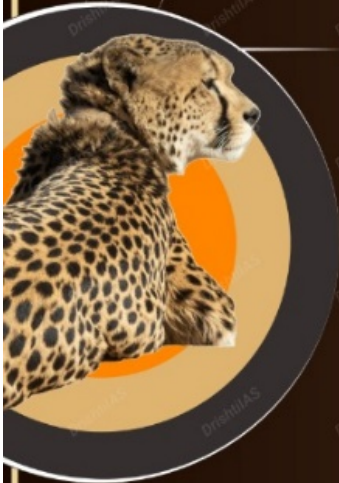
- The five-month-old cheetah cub, whose health suddenly deteriorated and was found dragging its hind portion due to a fractured vertebral column, has died; **the cause of death will be confirmed after an autopsy.**
- **Kuno National Park:**
 - **Kuno National Park**, located in **Madhya Pradesh's Sheopur** district is home to several cheetahs translocated from **Namibia** and **South Africa**.
 - It is named after the **Kuno River**, one of the main tributaries of the [Chambal River](#), which flows through the area.

Cheetah

Common Name - Cheetah

Scientific Name - *Acinonyx jubatus*

- *Acinonyx jubatus jubatus* (African Cheetah)
- *Acinonyx jubatus venaticus* (Asiatic Cheetah)



Reintroduction of Cheetah to India:

- The "Action Plan for Introduction of Cheetah in India" was released by MoEF&CC at the 19th meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) (January 2022).
 - Such a plan was first proposed in 2009.
- In September 2022, eight cheetahs landed in India from Namibia.
 - The 8 cheetahs have been relocated to the Kuno-Palpur National Park, Madhya Pradesh.
 - The relocation of cheetahs to India from Namibia is the world's first inter- continental large wild carnivore translocation project.

Slightly brownish and golden skin; thicker than the Asiatic Cheetahs

More prominent spots and lines on the face

Found all over the African continent

IUCN Red List Status - Vulnerable



African Cheetah

Slightly smaller than the African ones.

Pale yellowish fawn coloured skin - more fur under body, belly specifically.

Found only in Iran; the country claims there are only 12 of them left. Year 1952 - Asiatic Cheetah officially declared extinct from India.



Asiatic Cheetah

IUCN Red List Status - Critically Endangered

