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**News: International Cheetah Day**

- Every year 4<sup>th</sup> December is marked as International Cheetah Day since 2010.

The day is dedicated to emphasizing global efforts to prevent the cheetah's extinction and promote its conservation.

## **Asiatic Cheetah**

- Asiatic Cheetah is also known as Iranian or Persian Cheetah.
- Presently, it is found only in Iran that too around 40-50 individuals.
- Its habitat once ranged from Arabian Peninsula to India, but extirpated from these area.
- IUCN Status: Critically Endangered.
- CITES Status: Appendix I
- It is a smaller Cheetah compared to that of African Cheetah having a cat-like appearance.

# African Cheetah

- IUCN Status: **Vulnerable**
- CITES Status: **Appendix I**
- There are about 6500-7000 individuals present.
- Recently, Supreme **Court lifted its 7-year stay on proposal to re-introduce African Cheetah from Namibia to Palpur Kuno Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh.**
- Once abundant, **cheetahs were extinct in India since 1952, due to poaching, habitat destruction & reduction in prey (due to their poaching).**
- **India, first approached Iran to relocate Asian Cheetahs,** but the proposal was declined by Iran as the number of Asiatic Cheetah is too low.