International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) opens new headquarters at Lodhi Estate, Delhi

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News

Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav opened the new headquarters office of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) at 55 Lodhi Estate, New Delhi, on 12 Oct 2026. IBCA Director General Dr S.P. Yadav welcomed guests. The alliance now has 29 member countries and 5 observers. India is providing ₹150 crore over 2023–24 to 2027–28.

Key facts

HQ	55 Lodhi Estate, New Delhi – opened 12 Oct 2026
Opened by	Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav (IBCA President)
Director General	Dr S.P. Yadav
Members	29 member countries, 5 observers
Seven big cats	Tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, cheetah, jaguar, puma

Background

- IBCA: announced by PM Modi at Mysuru on 9 Apr 2023 at the 50th-anniversary event of Project Tiger; came into force as a treaty-based body in Jan 2025; first Assembly – 16 June 2025, New Delhi.

- Project Tiger – 1 Apr 1973, first reserve Jim Corbett (Uttarakhand); National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) – 2006. Of the seven big cats, all but the jaguar and puma occur in India; the cheetah was reintroduced at Kuno National Park (MP) in 2022.
- Other India-led international bodies: the International Solar Alliance (ISA, Gurugram), the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI, New Delhi) and the Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA, 2023).

Tamil Nadu link: Tamil Nadu has 5 tiger reserves – Mudumalai, Anamalai, Sathyamangalam, Kalakad–Mundanthurai and Srivilliputhur–Megamalai. Mudumalai is part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve and adjoins Karnataka's Bandipur near Mysuru.

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