

Minutes of the Meeting held Mr. Vladimir Poghsosya, First Secretary,
Embassy of Armenia at 1.30 pm on 15.7.2024 at Armenia Street, D-133,
Anand Niketan, New Delhi

After exchanging the pleasantries, the Director(Programme) International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) briefed His Excellency First Secretary, Embassy of Armenia in India about establishment of International Big Cat Alliance, with headquarters in India.

2. IBCA is established with a Mission and Vision to provide platform for partnership and cooperation among big cat range countries so as to ensure a viable population of big cats. It was also informed that India has five (5) out of seven (7) big cats and is global leader in Tiger, Lion, Leopard and Snow Leopard conservation. India has also demonstrated successful intercontinental wild to wild Cheetah translocation from African countries and its reintroduction in India.

3. India has gained extensive experience in habitat restoration, increase in forest cover and wildlife conservation. The intensive management of wildlife areas, mitigation of human wildlife conflict, eco-tourism biodiversity conservation, community involvement are considered key to the improved state of affairs.

4. Director (Programme) sought cooperation and support of Republic of Armenia to take forward the initiative for conservation of the seven big cat species especially Leopards in the world. First Secretary was informed that Ministry of External Affairs, Republic of India has circulated the Framework Agreement to its Missions abroad to request the respective countries to join IBCA. It was also requested that Republic of Armenia to consider joining the IBCA.

5. It was informed that the IBCA is mandated to:

- To create synergy through a collaborative platform for increased dissemination of benchmarking big cat conservation best practices.
- To Provide access to central common repository of technical know-how and corpus of funds to enhance the status of habitats, prey

and big cats in order to secure our ecological future and mitigate adverse effects of climate change.

- The IBCA's multi-pronged approach will enhance linkages, promote knowledge sharing, capacity building, networking, advocacy, finance, research, technical support, insurance against failures, education, awareness, employment, and sustainable local livelihoods.

8. The Director (Programme), IBCA also thanked His Excellency First Secretary, Embassy of Republic of Armenia and his team for their support and guidance for taking forward IBCA.

List of participants-Embassy of Republic of Guatemala

- (i) H.E. Mr. Vladimir Poghsosya, First Secretary

List of participants- IBCA

- (i) Dr Soumitra Dasgupta, Director (Programme)
(ii) Mr. Juglal Singh, Admn and Communication Analyst