

Man-Eating Leopard Hunt in Udaipur | Rajasthan | 05 Oct 2024

Why in News?

Recently, the authorities in **Udaipur district** are actively searching for a <u>leopard</u> responsible for multiple deaths.

Key Points

- A leopard has killed seven people in Udaipur district, search teams from the forest department, police, and <u>Indian Army</u> are trying to capture or eliminate the animal.
- Cages have been set up in various locations, and local villagers are assisting in the efforts.
- The <u>Chief Wildlife Warden</u> ordered the animal to be shot after a recent fatal attack on a 55-year-old woman, and the hunt continues in **Gogunda and nearby areas**.

Chief Wildlife Warden

- Authority: The <u>Chief Wildlife Warden (CWLW)</u> is the <u>statutory authority</u> under the <u>Wildlife</u>
 <u>Protection Act, 1972</u> responsible for overseeing the <u>Wildlife</u> Wing of the state forest department.
- Administrative Control: The CWLW exercises full administrative control over <u>Protected Areas</u>
 (<u>PAs</u>) within the state, ensuring the implementation of wildlife protection measures.
- Structure of Protected Areas: Each Protected Area (PA) is generally classified as a Wildlife Division, with administrative responsibilities headed by a Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF).

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