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

### Why in News?

Recently, the authorities in **Udaipur district** are actively searching for a [leopard](#) responsible for multiple deaths.

### Key Points

- A leopard has killed seven people in Udaipur district, search teams from the forest department, police, and [Indian Army](#) 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 [Chief Wildlife Warden](#) 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 [Chief Wildlife Warden \(CWLW\)](#) is the statutory authority under the [Wildlife Protection Act, 1972](#) responsible for overseeing the Wildlife Wing of the state forest department.
- **Administrative Control:** The CWLW exercises full administrative control over [Protected Areas \(PAs\)](#) 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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