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### National & International News

#### World Press Freedom Index 2024

#### Why in news?

- India press freedom score falls, says Reporters sans Frontieres.

#### About World Press Freedom Index:

- **World Press Freedom Index:** This is an annual index compiled by Reporters Without Borders (RSF for Reporters sans Frontières), which measures the freedom enjoyed by journalists in 180 jurisdictions.
- **India's Score:** India's score in the World Press Freedom Index fell from **36.62 to 31.28 over the last year.**
- **India's Rank:** Despite the drop in score, **India's rank improved from 161 in 2023 to 159 in 2024.** However, **this improvement was due to other countries slipping in their rankings,** not because of an improvement in India's press freedom.
- **Top Countries:** **Norway** and **Denmark** topped the RSF table, indicating high levels of press freedom in these countries.
- **Bottom Countries:** **Eritrea** was at the bottom of the RSF table, with **Syria** just ahead of it, **indicating low levels of press freedom in these countries.**

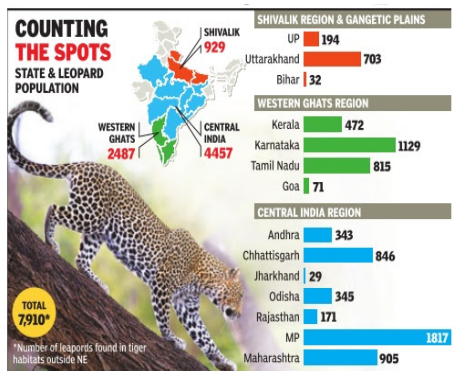
#### International Leopard Day

#### Why in news?

- International Leopard Day is **celebrated annually on May 3.**

#### About International Leopard Day:

- **Origin:** The day was officialized and endorsed as a lasting legacy of the **Global Leopard Conference held in March 2023.**
- **Significance:** Leopards are indicators of a healthy ecosystem, and their **presence often correlates with high biodiversity levels.** Protecting leopards means **safeguarding the habitats and prey species that support them,** thereby conserving a wide array of plant and animal species.





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### Five Eyes Intelligence Alliance

**SECRET - AUS/CAN/N.Z./U.K./U.S. EYES ONLY**

- 1946: U.S. and UK agree unrestricted exchange of intelligence on communications of foreign nations
- Cold War: Canada joins alliance in 1948, followed by Australia and New Zealand in 1956

**United States:** Lead agency – National Security Agency (NSA)

**UK:** Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ)

**Australia:** Australian Signals Directorate (ASD)

**Canada:** Communications Security Establishment (CSE)

**New Zealand:** Govt. Communications Security Bureau (GCSB)

### Why in news?

- Four countries from the **Five Eyes intelligence-sharing network** have **accused India of conducting espionage operations.**

### About Five Eyes Intelligence Alliance:

- **Members:** The Five Eyes Alliance consists of the **United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.**
- **Origins:** The alliance originated from **secret World War II intelligence collaborations.** It was formally established in the aftermath of the war through the **UKUSA Agreement in 1946, which was initially a treaty between the UK and the USA for joint signal intelligence (SIGINT) operations.**
- **Purpose:** The primary purpose of the Five Eyes is to **share intelligence among the member countries, focusing mainly on signals intelligence (SIGINT).** This collaboration helps the countries to **monitor international communications and gather information on various global issues and threats.**

### Standard Essential Patents (SEP)

### Why in news?

- There is a **potential crisis in India** due to the way **certain technology companies are using 'standard essential patents' (SEPs) against the telecom manufacturing sector.**
- The **regulation of SEPs has been left to the judiciary,** which has largely failed to address the issue.

### About SEP:

- A Standard Essential Patent (SEP) is a **patent granted for a technological invention that is crucial for the implementation and operation of a standard.**
- A **standard is a set of technical requirements or agreed technical descriptions that ensure technologies interact and work together.** These can be adopted worldwide, regionally, or nationally.

### Localizing the SDGs: Women in Local Governance in India Lead the Way

### Why in news?

- The **Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations and the Ministry of Panchayati Raj** are **collaborating to organize an event with the United Nations Population Fund.**
- The title of the event is **"Localizing the SDGs: Women in Local Governance in India Lead the Way".**
- This event is scheduled to take place during the **57th Session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD57).**



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### About the Commission on Population and Development (CPD57):

- The Commission on Population and Development was established by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in 1946.
- The Commission is composed of 47 member countries.
- Member countries are elected by the Economic and Social Council for four years based on geographic distribution.
- The Commission was constituted as a three-tiered intergovernmental mechanism.
- The meetings of the Commission were held typically every two or three years until 1994. After 1994, it has been held once a year.

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