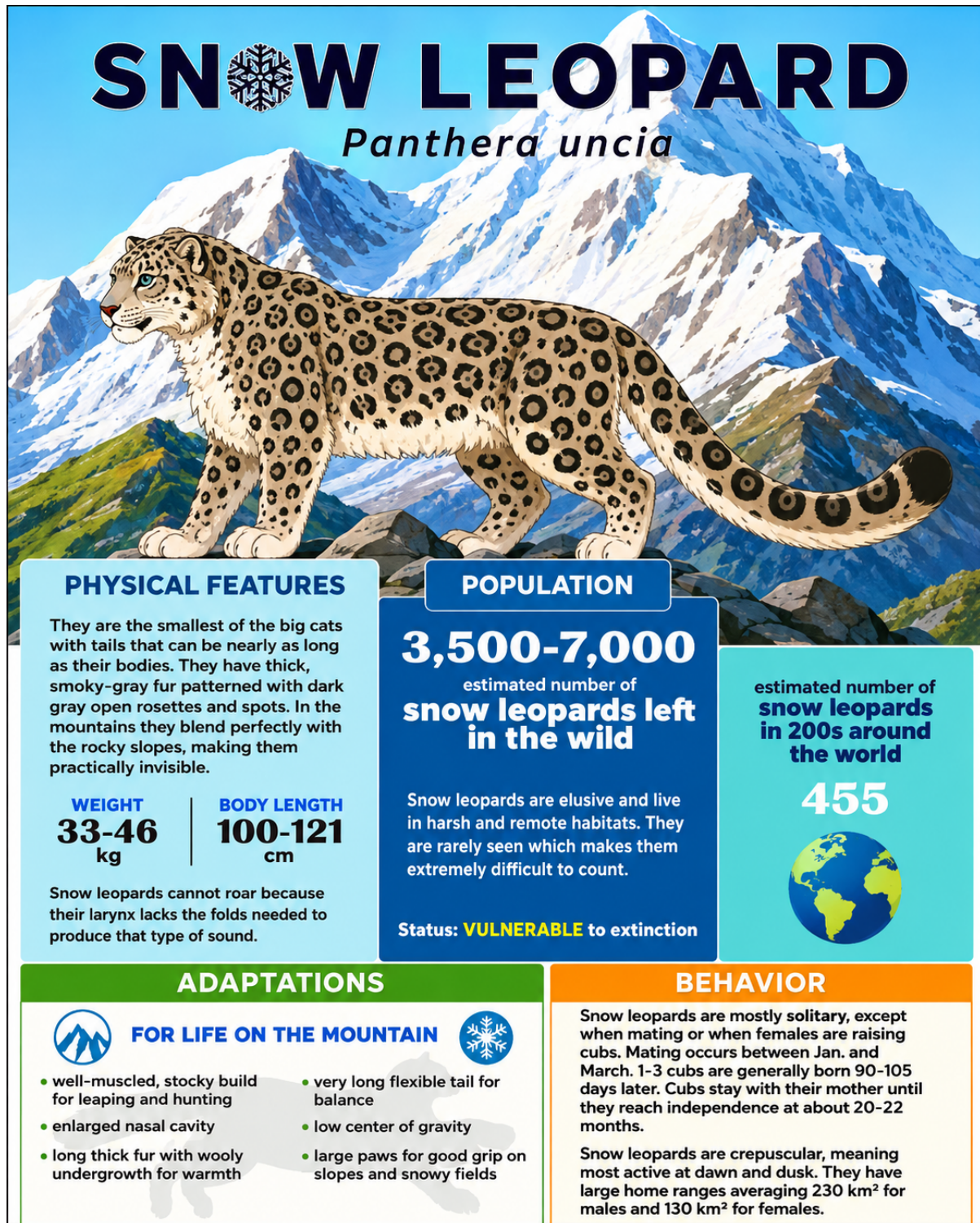


India's First High-Altitude Wildlife Safari

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Why in News?

Ladakh has announced India's first-ever altitude wildlife safari in the region.



- The Snow Leopard and High-Altitude Nature (SHAN) Conservation Society, chaired by the lieutenant governor, is figuring out possible safari routes in the region.
- Hemis National Park, Changthang Valley, and Karakoram wildlife sanctuaries and landscapes such as Drass, Nubra, and Sham are included in the list.
- SHAN, formed on 16 June, is encouraging responsible and plastic-free tourism across Ladakh.
- With this step, the Ladakh government seeks to curb off-roading incidents

and disturbance to wildlife.

- It is the first govt model where local communities will be made equal partners in protecting and promoting Ladakh's wildlife and benefiting economically.
- India is home to 718 snow leopards, spread across the Himalayas.
- The mountains of Ladakh are home to 477 of them, followed by Uttarakhand (124) and Himachal Pradesh (51).

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