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- It was **formed in 2004** to strengthen the country's national security apparatus.
- It is under the **direct control of the Prime Minister's Office** and operates as an **autonomous organization**.
- **Primary Objective:** Gather technical intelligence, which involves intercepting and analyzing communications signals, imagery intelligence, and cyber intelligence.
- **Other Functions:**
 - It also provides technical assistance to other intelligence agencies in the country, including the Intelligence Bureau and Research and Analysis Wing.
 - It is responsible for maintaining a **database of information related to technology** and developing advanced tools and techniques for intelligence gathering.
 - It also **conducts research and development activities** in the field of technical intelligence.
- NTRO is headed by a Chairman who reports directly to the Prime Minister of India.
- Its headquarters is located in New Delhi, and it has operational centres in various parts of the country.

Key Facts about Special Protection Group (SPG):

- It is entrusted with the task of providing proximate security to the Prime Minister of India, the former Prime Minister and their immediate family members.
- It was formed in 1985 after the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi as an executive body on the recommendation of the Birbal Nath committee.
- Later on, it became a statutory body under Special Protection Group Act 1988.
- **Governance:**
 - It is governed by the Cabinet secretariat of India.
 - SPG chief is an officer of the rank of inspector-general.

Q1) What is imagery intelligence?


Imagery intelligence is intelligence derived from the exploitation of imagery collected by visual photography, infrared, lasers, multi-spectral sensors, and radar. These sensors produce images of objects optically, electronically, or digitally on film, electronic display devices, or other media.



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