

# Operation Dhvast

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**Context-** The National Investigation Agency(NIA) has captured three people regarding the strikes directed as a feature of a cross country drive codenamed 'Operation Dhvast', in the terrorist-gangster-drug smugglers network cases.

## **Key Highlights**

- The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has been looking into three cases involving terror networks since August 2022, and the most recent searches were part of that investigation.
- The cases are associated with connivances connected with designated killings, fear financing of supportive of Khalistan outfits, blackmail, and so on.

## **About National Investigation Agency (NIA)**

- It was composed directly following the 26/11 Mumbai fear assault in November 2008 and began its working in 2009.
- It is a central agency with the responsibility of investigating all violations of the statutory laws enacted to implement international treaties, agreements, conventions, and resolutions of the United Nations, its agencies, and other international organizations that affect India's sovereignty, security, and integrity, as well as friendly relations with other states.
- These incorporate fear acts and their potential connections with wrongdoings like carrying of arms, medications and phony Indian cash and penetration from across the boundaries.
- Those involved in such offenses can be searched, seized, arrested, and prosecuted by

the agency.

- The agency's operations are governed by Indian law, which also applies to Indian citizens living outside the country.

### **Jurisdiction**

- The law under which the office works reaches out to
  - the entire of India and furthermore applies to Indian residents outside the country;
  - people in the assistance of the public authority any place they are posted;
  - individuals on Indian-registered ships and aircraft wherever they may be;
  - individuals who harm India's interests or commit a scheduled offense outside of India against an Indian citizen.

### **Amendments**

- The NIA Act was altered in the year 2019 to amplify the command of the NIA by the consideration of offenses connected with illegal exploitation, fabricate/offer of disallowed arms, digital psychological warfare and offenses under the Dangerous Substances Act, 1908 and extended its purview past India.
- Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 was corrected in the year 2019 to between alia engage the Director General (DG), of the NIA to seize/join the properties connected with continued psychological warfare in cases being examined by the NIA.