



Anti-Encroachment Drive Turns Violent in Uttarakhand | Uttarakhand | 12 Feb 2024

Why in News?

A **violent clash erupted between police and locals in Haldwani's Banbhoolpura area** of Uttarakhand, when a team of district administration officials attempted to **demolish an 'illegal madrasa'** in the area.

- **Shoot-at-sight orders** were issued and curfew was imposed in the town.

Key Points

- According to the officials, following court's orders, a team from the district administration had gone to conduct an **anti-encroachment drive** in the area.
 - This is when some miscreants entered into a brawl with the police which left several policemen and officials injured.
- Banbhoolpura is the same locality where hundreds of Muslim families are living in a 2 km stretch along the railway track, facing an uncertain future after the Railways served eviction notices to them, **citing that their homes were built on its land.**
- The residents, after weeks of protest against eviction ordered by the Uttarakhand High Court, later moved the Supreme Court and the matter is sub-judice.

Sub Judice

- Sub-judice is a **Latin term** that **means "under judgment"** or "under consideration by a court of law."
- In legal contexts, it refers to a **case or matter that is currently pending before a court** and is therefore not available for public discussion or comment.
- The **purpose of the sub judice rule is to ensure** that the **trial or hearing is fair** and impartial, and that the parties involved are not prejudiced by outside influences.