



# NIA Raids 12 Places in a Naxal Conspiracy Case

## Why in News?

In an **anti-India conspiracy case**, the [National Investigation Agency \(NIA\)](#) raided 12 places in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

## Key Points

- Of the total, **11 locations** were searched in **Ballia district of Uttar Pradesh and one location in Kaimur district of Bihar** in connection with the case registered originally by **Uttar Pradesh's Anti Terror Squad (ATS)**.
  - During the search operation, **several digital devices**, including mobile phones, SIM cards and memory cards, **along with incriminating documents** like pamphlets of the proscribed **naxal** outfit **were seized**.
- As per NIA's investigations so far, the banned outfit is making active efforts to re-energise its presence in the **Northern Regional Bureau**, comprising Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi, Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh.

## National Investigation Agency (NIA)

- The **NIA** is the **Central Counter-Terrorism Law Enforcement Agency of India** mandated to investigate all the **offences affecting the sovereignty, security and integrity of India**. It includes:
  - Friendly relations with foreign states.
  - Against atomic and nuclear facilities.
  - **Smuggling of arms, drugs and fake Indian currency** and infiltration from across the borders.
  - The offences under the **statutory laws enacted to implement international treaties, agreements, conventions and resolutions of the United Nations**, its agencies and other international organisations.
- It was **constituted under the National Investigation Agency (NIA) Act, 2008**.
- The agency is empowered to deal with the investigation of terror related crimes across states **without special permission from the states** under **written proclamation from the Ministry of Home Affairs**.
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi

## Naxalism in India

- The term Naxalism derives its name from the village **Naxalbari of West Bengal**.
- It originated as rebellion against local landlords who bashed a peasant over a land dispute. The rebellion was initiated in 1967, with an objective of rightful redistribution of the land to working peasants under the leadership of **Kanu Sanyal and Jagan Santhal**.
- Started in West Bengal, the movement has spread across Eastern India; in less developed areas of states such as Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh.
- It is considered that Naxals support **Maoist political sentiments** and ideology.

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