



NCB's Zonal Office in Chhattisgarh

Why in News?

Recently, the Union Home Minister inaugurated the zonal office of [the Narcotics Control Bureau \(NCB\)](#) in Chhattisgarh's **Raipur**.

Key Points

- During his visit he also chaired meetings on the scenario of **narcotics substances**, the [Left Wing Extremism \(LWE\)](#) situation and **inter-state coordination on Naxalism** in Chhattisgarh.
- **Narcotics Control Bureau:**
 - It was constituted by the Government of India in **1986** under [the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985](#).
 - It is the apex coordinating agency under **the Ministry of Home Affairs**.
 - [The National Policy on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances](#) is based on [Article 47](#) of the Indian Constitution which **directs the State to endeavour to bring about prohibition of the consumption, except for medicinal purposes, of intoxicating drugs injurious to health.**

The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985

- It **prohibits a person from producing, possessing, selling, purchasing**, transporting, storing, and/or consuming any narcotic drug or psychotropic substance.
- The **National Fund for Control of Drug Abuse** was also created under a provision of the **NDPS Act, 1985**, to **meet the expenditure incurred in the implementation of the Act.**

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