



Protests in Chhattisgarh

Why in News?

In a violent protest, numerous members of the **Scheduled Caste Satnami community** in **Chhattisgarh's Baloda Bazar district** burned a section of the collectorate building, damaged vehicles, and had conflicts with the police to **demonstrate against the violation of their religious site, Jaitkham**.

Key Points

- The **Jaitkham**, also known as the **Victory Pillar**, holds significant importance for the **Satnami community** in Chhattisgarh.
 - It is a revered **religious symbol representing the triumph of good over evil** and the spiritual heritage of the community.
 - Located at the Amar Gufa, the Jaitkham (religious pillar) is a **place of worship and a focal point for cultural and religious gatherings**, embodying the identity and history of the Satnami people.
- The protest stems from the incident when the Jaitkham religious site of the Satnami community in Giroudhpuri town, Baloda Bazar district, was attacked.
 - Satnami community members see its desecration as a profound disrespect and an attack on the community's beliefs and traditions.

Satnami Community

- The Satnamis of Chhattisgarh were a group of people, who formed a **socio-religious movement in Bengal** during the British period.
- The movement was founded and led by **Ghasi Das** of **Bilaspur district** and he was thought to be an untouchable leather worker.