



Reimposition of AFSPA in Manipur

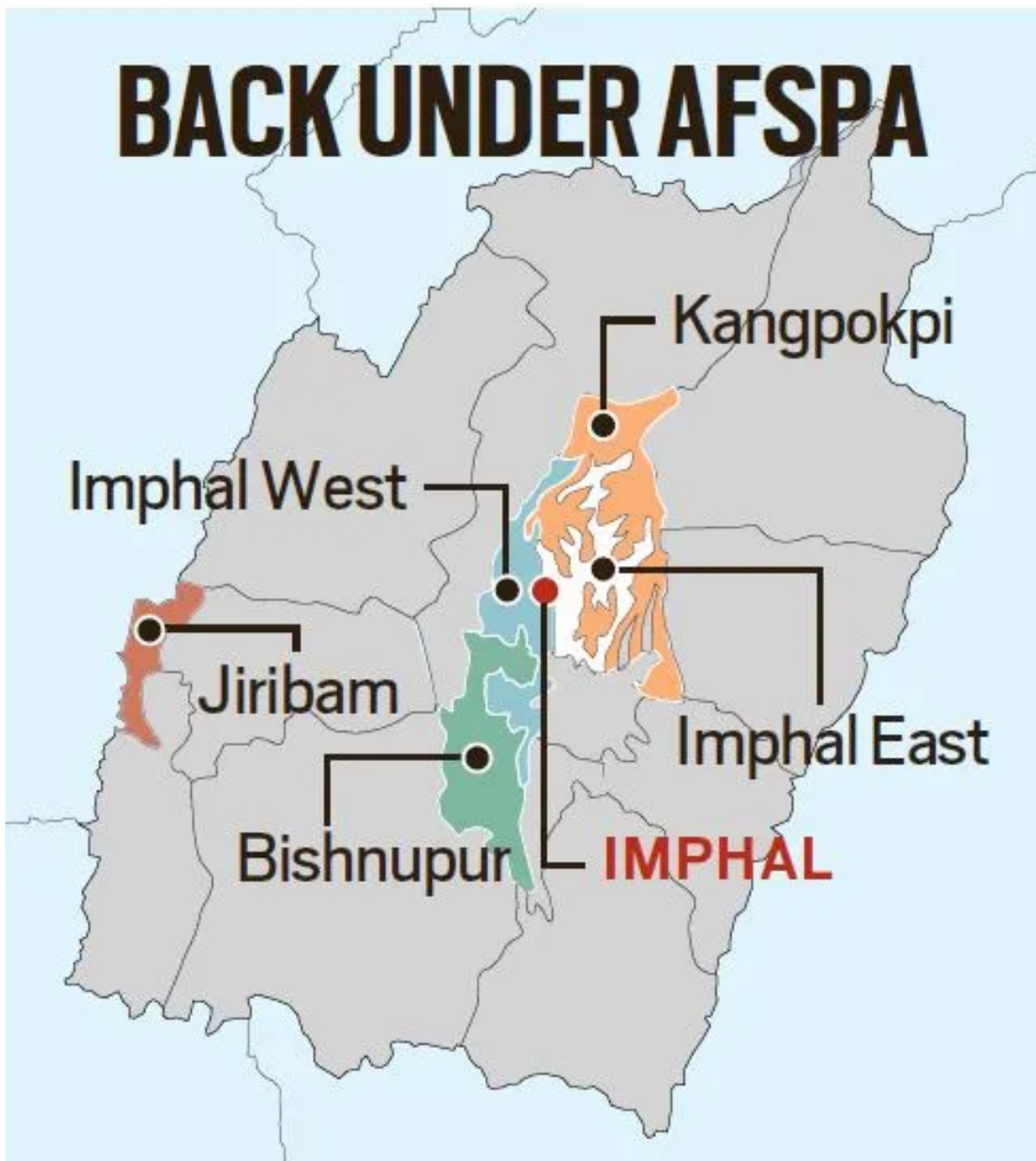
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Recently, the [Ministry of Home Affairs \(MHA\)](#) has reimposed the [Armed Forces Special Powers Act \(AFSPA\)](#) in six police station areas of Manipur due to a volatile security situation and the active involvement of insurgent groups in violence.

- **Manipur has been under AFSPA since 1980**, with periodic reviews reflecting the changing security landscape.
- **Background:**
 - On **15th August 1942**, the British issued the **Armed Forces Special Powers Ordinance** to suppress the [Quit India movement](#), which led to ordinances for "[Assam disturbed areas](#)" in 1947.
 - The [Armed Forces \(Assam and Manipur\) Special Powers Act, 1958](#), succeeded the [Assam Disturbed Areas Act of 1955](#), that was later replaced by the AFSPA.
- A disturbed area is one that is declared **under Section 3** of the **AFSPA**.
 - Currently, **AFSPA is in effect in parts of Nagaland, Assam, Manipur, and Arunachal Pradesh**.
 - **The Governor of State, administrator of Union Territory and MHA** can notify AFSPA enforcement and can declare any area as disturbed.
- Under the [Disturbed Areas \(Special Courts\) Act, 1976](#), a region declared 'disturbed' remains so for a continuous three months.

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BACK UNDER AFSPA



Read more: [Armed Forces \(Special Powers\) Act, 1958 \(AFSPA\)](#)

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