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Q10

The north-eastern region of India has been infested with insurgency for a very long time. Analyze the major reasons for the survival of armed insurgency in this region.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2017 · GS III · 10 marks · Internal Security and Extremism

Linkages between development and spread of extremism.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

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Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA)

Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, used in notified 'disturbed' areas of the North-East; operational tool that also feeds a rights-grievance narrative.

Act East

Policy to connect the North-East to Southeast Asia by road, trade and people links, meant to cut isolation that insurgents exploit.

Sixth Schedule

Constitutional autonomous councils in some tribal areas; a political alternative to the gun when it actually works.

Naga talks

Long ceasefire and political negotiations with major Naga groups; splits show how insurgency can survive an incomplete settlement.

Chicken's Neck

Siliguri corridor: the narrow land link to the North-East that historically raised isolation and the sense of a separate theatre.

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