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Q19

Indian Government has recently strengthened the anti-terrorism laws by amending the unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), 1967 and the NIA act. Analyze the changes in the context of prevailing security environment while discussing the scope and reasons for opposing the UAPA by human rights organizations.

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UAPA 1967

Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act: India's main anti-terror and unlawful-association statute, amended in 2019 to list individuals.

Individual designation

2019 change allowing the Central government to name a person as a terrorist, not only an organisation.

NIA Act 2008

Created the National Investigation Agency after 26/11; 2019 amendments expanded extra-territorial reach and the offence schedule.

Schedule widening

2019 NIA schedule additions toward human trafficking, counterfeit currency, prohibited arms, cyber-terrorism, and explosives.

Bail under UAPA

Courts may deny bail unless they find the accusation not prima facie true - the main due-process flashpoint for rights groups.

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