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Terrorism is a global scourge. How has it manifested in India? Elaborate with contemporary examples. What are the counter measures adopted by the State? Explain.

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Answer Hint

Cross-border terrorism, Islamist extremism, Left Wing Extremism, Northeast insurgency, terror financing, radicalisation, UAPA, NIA, intelligence coordination, border security

Model Answer

Introduction

Terrorism in India has manifested through cross-border terrorism, extremist violence, insurgency and terror financing, targeting civilians, security forces and critical infrastructure.

1. Manifestations

Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed cross-border terrorism and attacks on civilians and security personnel. Terror networks have also attempted recruitment and radicalisation through digital platforms. In addition, Left Wing Extremism has used violence against the State and civilians in affected regions, while certain Northeast insurgencies have historically employed armed violence.

2. State response

India has adopted a multi-layered approach:

1. UAPA provides the principal legal framework for dealing with terrorist organisations and individuals. The MHA maintains notified lists under the Act.
2. NIA investigates scheduled terrorism-related offences and associated networks.
3. Intelligence sharing and coordination among central and State agencies have been strengthened.
4. Border fencing, surveillance and coastal security reduce infiltration and trafficking.
5. Financial investigations target terror financing and support structures.
6. Counter-radicalisation and community engagement address recruitment.
7. International cooperation supports intelligence sharing and terrorist designation.

Conclusion

Effective counter-terrorism requires a balance of prevention, intelligence, investigation, financial disruption and community resilience. Security measures must operate within constitutional safeguards and rule of law.

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