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The elimination of individual terrorists does not necessarily dismantle the wider ecosystem that sustains terrorism. Analyse the need for an integrated approach involving security, intelligence and financial agencies to counter terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

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Answer Hint

Terror recruitment, local support networks, intelligence coordination, terror financing, cross-border networks, NIA, UAPA, FIU-IND, ED, border management, community engagement, rehabilitation, rule of law.

Model Answer

Introduction

The reported killing of Lashkar-e-Taiba operative Lateef Bhat and the subsequent statement by the Union Home Minister highlight the importance of counter-terrorism efforts in Jammu and Kashmir. However, sustainable security requires dismantling the broader ecosystem supporting terrorist activities.

Need for an Integrated Approach

1. **Intelligence coordination:** Sharing information among intelligence agencies, armed forces and local police helps identify recruitment networks and prevent attacks.

2. **Financial disruption:** Tracing suspicious transactions, hawala networks and illicit funding can weaken the operational capacity of terrorist organisations.
3. **Institutional coordination:** NIA, ED, FIU-IND and state police must coordinate investigations within their respective legal mandates.
4. **Border security:** Surveillance, intelligence-led patrolling and anti-infiltration measures are necessary to prevent cross-border movement of terrorists and weapons.
5. **Technology integration:** Drones, cyber intelligence and data analytics can help detect emerging security threats.

Beyond Security Operations

- Strengthen public trust through accountable and lawful security operations.
- Prevent radicalisation through education, community participation and targeted outreach.
- Provide rehabilitation opportunities to prevent vulnerable youth from entering extremist networks.
- Ensure speedy investigation and prosecution while protecting constitutional rights.

Conclusion

Counter-terrorism must extend beyond eliminating individual operatives to disrupting recruitment, financing, logistics and ideological support networks. An intelligence-driven, financially coordinated and rights-based strategy is essential for lasting peace in Jammu and Kashmir.

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