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Discuss the types of organised crimes. Describe the linkages between terrorists and organised crime that exist at the national and transnational levels.

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Answer Hint

Organised crime involves coordinated, continuing illegal activities for profit or power. Its convergence with terrorism occurs through financing, arms trafficking, drug smuggling, counterfeit currency, human trafficking and forged documents. These networks operate domestically and across borders, threatening internal security and requiring intelligence-led, coordinated enforcement.

Model Answer

Introduction

Organised crime refers to structured criminal activities carried out by groups for sustained financial gain or influence.

Types of Organised Crime

Major forms include drug trafficking, human trafficking, arms smuggling, extortion, money laundering, cybercrime, counterfeit currency, illegal mining and wildlife trafficking.

Linkages with Terrorism

At the national level, criminal networks may supply weapons, explosives, forged identities and logistical support to terrorist groups. Terrorists may exploit extortion, illicit trade and drug proceeds to finance operations.

At the transnational level, cross-border smuggling routes, offshore financial networks, digital currencies and shell companies can facilitate money laundering and terrorist financing. Criminal groups may cooperate with terrorist organisations for mutual benefit, although their long-term objectives can differ.

Measures Required

India needs intelligence-sharing among agencies, stronger border surveillance, financial investigation, international cooperation and effective implementation of laws against money laundering and terrorist financing. Community policing and cyber-forensics can further disrupt these networks.

Conclusion

The convergence of organised crime and terrorism blurs the distinction between profit-driven crime and ideological violence. Coordinated domestic enforcement and international cooperation are essential to dismantle their financial and logistical networks.

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