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“Drug trafficking is not merely a law-and-order problem but also a serious internal security challenge for India.” Discuss the major challenges posed by drug trafficking and suggest measures to address them.

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Answer Hint

Drug trafficking, organised crime, narco-terrorism, border security, NDPS Act, Narcotics Control Bureau, intelligence sharing, international cooperation, public awareness, rehabilitation.

Model Answer

Introduction

Drug trafficking is a major internal security challenge that affects public health, social stability and economic development. Initiatives such as Operation Toofan, as described in the news, highlight the importance of coordinated enforcement and public cooperation in combating narcotics.

Main Body

Major challenges:

1. Organised crime: Illegal drug trade generates funds for criminal networks and may support terrorist activities.
2. Border security: Porous borders, drones and modern smuggling techniques complicate the detection of narcotics.

3. Social impact: Drug addiction affects youth, families and workforce productivity.
4. Technological challenges: Online networks, encrypted communication and digital payments can facilitate illegal drug transactions.

Measures to address the problem:

1. Strengthen coordination among police, NCB, customs and border-security agencies.
2. Improve intelligence sharing, surveillance and financial investigations.
3. Enhance international cooperation to dismantle cross-border trafficking networks.
4. Promote public awareness, early intervention, treatment and rehabilitation.
5. Ensure effective implementation of the NDPS Act, 1985.

Conclusion

India needs a comprehensive approach combining strong enforcement, secure borders, public participation and rehabilitation to address drug trafficking and reduce its impact on national security.

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