



‘Operation Mahakal’ to Tackle Land Mafia and Extortionists

Why in News?

Kanpur's police have initiated a bold crackdown on land mafia and extortion gangs with the launch of 'Operation Mahakal.'

- This operation, **launched on 5th August 2025**, aims **to identify, prosecute**, and dismantle illegal land-grabbing activities, involving **not only criminals but also influential individuals aiding them**.

Key Points

- **Phases of Operation:** The operation is structured in two phases:
 - **Phase 1 (until 5th September 2025):** Focuses on **compiling a list of suspects involved in land-grabbing** and extortion.
 - **Phase 2:** From 15th September 2025, action will be taken, including asset confiscation and filing of charges.
- **Action against Collaborators:** Investigations have uncovered connections between the **land mafia and several white-collar professionals**, including government employees, representatives, and journalists.
 - The collaboration between these groups will be probed further.

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