



NIA Conducts Raids to Investigate Militant Infiltration

Why in News?

The [National Investigation Agency \(NIA\)](#) conducted searches at multiple locations across **five districts of Jammu and Kashmir**. These searches were linked to a case involving [terrorist infiltration from across the border](#) and **recent attacks on security forces and civilians**.

Key Points

- **Background:**
 - The NIA registered a case based on information about the infiltration of active terrorists belonging to **Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM)** into Indian territory through **the [International Border \(IB\)](#) and [Line of Control \(LoC\)](#)**.
- **NIA Searches:**
 - Locations:
 - NIA teams conducted extensive searches at eight locations across the districts of Reasi, Udhampur, Doda, Ramban, and Kishtwar in Jammu and Kashmir.
 - **Outcomes:**
 - The searches resulted in the **seizure of materials linking banned terrorist outfits** to [overground workers \(OGWs\)](#) and **hybrid terrorists**.
 - The premises of sympathisers and cadres of banned organisations were also searched as part of the operation.
 - **Link to Banned Outfits:**
 - The suspected hybrid terrorists and OGWs were associated with new offshoots and affiliates of banned terrorist outfits such as **LeT and JeM**.

National Investigation Agency (NIA)

- **About:**
 - The **NIA** is the **Central Counter-Terrorism Law Enforcement Agency of India** mandated to investigate all the **offences affecting the sovereignty, security and integrity of India**. It includes:
 - Friendly relations with foreign states.
 - Against atomic and nuclear facilities.
 - **Smuggling of arms, drugs and fake Indian currency** and infiltration from across the borders.
 - The offences under the **statutory laws enacted to implement international treaties, agreements, conventions and resolutions of the [United Nations](#)**, its agencies and other international organisations.
 - It was **constituted under the [National Investigation Agency \(NIA\) Act, 2008](#)**.
 - The agency is empowered to deal with the investigation of terror related crimes across states **without special permission from the states under written proclamation from the Ministry of Home Affairs**.
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi

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