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Multi Agency Centre Latest News

Union Home Minister Amit Shah recently inaugurated the revamped Multi Agency Centre (MAC).

About Multi Agency Centre

- MAC is a **national intelligence-sharing fusion centre under the Intelligence Bureau (IB)** where states and central agencies and police forces coordinate to share, store, **collate**, and **analyse inputs on terrorism on a daily basis** under four heads – J&K, Northeast, LWE, and Rest of India.
- It was **created in December 2001** in the **aftermath of the Kargil conflict** but was strengthened in December 2008, following the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks.
- As many as **28 organisations**, including the Research and Analysis Wing (**RAW**), **armed forces**, and **State police**, are part of the platform, and various security agencies **share real-time intelligence inputs** on MAC.
- The **new MAC network connects all police districts** in the country **through a secured network** and has been built at a **cost of ₹500 crore**.

- It **incorporates** futuristic capabilities such as embedded **artificial intelligence and machine learning techniques** to harness the potential of the vast database with MAC and **Geographic Information System (GIS) services**
- The upgraded network will **enhance trend analysis, hotspot mapping, and predictive operations**, offering more accurate and actionable outcomes.
- The new MAC network spanning the length and breadth of the country has **weaved-in country's Island territories, insurgency-affected areas, and mountainous high-altitude terrain**, ensuring last-mile connectivity down to the **level of district SPs in the remotest areas** with a fast and standalone secure network.
- It will strengthen the country's efforts to **tackle** serious threats like **terrorism, extremism, organised crime, and cyberattacks**.

Multi Agency Centre FAQs

Q1. What is the main purpose of the Multi Agency Centre (MAC)?

Ans. Share, store, collate, and analyse intelligence inputs on terrorism.

Q2. Under which agency does the Multi Agency Centre (MAC) function?

Ans. Intelligence Bureau (IB)

Q3. Which advanced technologies are incorporated in the upgraded MAC network?

Ans. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML)

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