

Multi Agency Centre (MAC), a common counter-terrorism grid

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In news- Recently, Centre has asked the States to share more intelligence inputs through the Multi Agency Centre (MAC), a common counter-terrorism grid under the Intelligence Bureau (IB).

About Multi Agency Centre (MAC)-

- It was **formed in December 2001 following the Kargil intrusion** and the subsequent overhaul of the Indian national security apparatus **suggested by the Kargil Review Committee report.**
- Accordingly, the **Intelligence Bureau (IB) was authorized to create a multi-agency centre (MAC) in New Delhi.**
- Now **functioning 24/7** as the nodal body for sharing intelligence inputs, **MAC coordinates with representatives from numerous agencies, different ministries, both central and state.**
- All the States have a subsidiary multi-agency centre (SMAC) located in all State capitals.
- **As many as 28 organizations, including the Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW), armed forces and State police are part of the platform** and various security agencies including Defence Intelligence Agency (DIA) share real-time intelligence inputs on the MAC.

Note-

The Minister of State for Home Affairs had launched the Crime Multi Agency Centre (Cri-MAC) for sharing information on heinous crime and other issues related to inter-state coordination. It aims to share information between various police forces on heinous crimes.

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