

GS-II: Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.

1. The Recently Amended Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment act could prove Catastrophic for Fundamental Rights? It is the duty of every citizen to Sacrifice Liberty for National Security. Critically Analyse.

Why this Question:

- ✚ Recently, the government has passes amendments the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act,1967(UAPA), India's signature anti-terrorism legislation, allowing the Central government to designate individuals as "terrorists", causing a furore.

Key Demand of the Question:

- ✚ The question demands us to critically analyze whether the recent amendments to the UAPA act will be catastrophic to the fundamental rights of the citizen. It also asks to analyze whether sacrificing rights by the citizen for the sake of national security is judicious.

Directive Word:

- ✚ **Critically analyze** – When asked to analyze, you have to examine methodically the structure or nature of the topic by separating it into component parts and present them as a whole in a summary.
- ✚ When 'critically' is suffixed or prefixed to a directive, one needs to look at the good and bad of the topic and give a Fair Judgement.

Structure of the Answer

Introduction:

- ✚ Write about the UAPA Act and write why it has been in News Recently.

Body:

- ✚ Write about the key provisions of the UAPA Act.
- ✚ Write about the recent amendments to the act.
- ✚ Write whether it going to have a catastrophic effect on the Fundamental rights on the citizen.
- ✚ Write whether it is wise to sacrifice fundamental rights in the name of national security.
- ✚ Take a stand and also give few negatives present in your stand.

Conclusion:

- ✚ Conclude with few suggestions and few points regarding the role of judiciary that could be played, where there is existing threat to the rights of the citizen.

