

NIA was constituted in 2009 under the provisions of National Investigation Agency Act, 2008

It is the central counter-terrorism law enforcement agency

It was established in the wake of 2008 Mumbai Terror Attacks, popularly known as the 26/11 incident

HQ of NIA is located at New Delhi

Branch offices of NIA are located at

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| Hyderabad | Kochi |
| Guwahati | Kolkata |
| Mumbai | Jammu |
| Lucknow | Raipur |

In addition, NIA has separated cell known as TFFC cell dealing with the subjects of fake currency notes & terror funding

NIA is headed by a Director-General

He is appointed by Central Government

His powers are similar to the powers exercise by a Director-General of Police in respect of the police force in a state

NIA works under the Ministry of Home Affairs

State government extends all assistance & cooperation to the NIA for investigation

Reasons for creating the NIA

1. India has been victim of large-scale terrorism
2. Complex interstate & international linkages of such incidents & their connections with other activities like smuggling of Armors & Drugs, pushing in & fake currency circulation, infiltration, etc

NATIONAL INVESTIGATION AGENCY

Functions of the NIA

- a. To investigate & prosecute offences in respect of the Acts specified in Schedule of the NIA Act
- b. To provide assistance & seek assistance from other intelligence & investigation agencies of central & state government
- c. Take measures for speedy & effective implementation of the provisions of the NIA Act

Jurisdiction of the NIA

NIA has concurrent jurisdiction to investigate & prosecute offences affecting sovereignty, security & integrity of India, security of state, friendly relations with foreign states & offences under various acts enacted to implement international treaties, agreements, connections & resolutions of the UNO, its agencies & other international organizations

NIA is empowered to probe terror attacks including Bomb blasts, Hijacking aircrafts & ships , Attacks on nuclear installations, Use of weapons of mass destruction

In 2019, the jurisdiction was extended & NIA empowered to probe offences relating to human trafficking, counterfeit currency or bank notes, manufacture or sale of prohibited arms, cyberterrorism & explosive substances