

## **Extra judicial killings in Manipur**

### **Why in news?**

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The Supreme Court has directed a probe by the CBI into the alleged extra-judicial killings by security forces and police in Manipur.

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### **What happened in Manipur?**

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- The court was hearing a PIL seeking probe and compensation for around 1,500 alleged extra-judicial killings in Manipur from 2000 to 2012.

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- The case was made against both the security forces and police.

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- Manipur is one of the states where the controversial Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) is in place.

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- AFSPA confers special powers to the armed personnel which includes unwarranted arrest and search in disturbed areas.

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- Various reports and evidences have made serious allegations against armed forces personnel for constant rights violations.

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### **What is the need for a CBI probe?**

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- Courts and commissions earlier have proposed elaborate measures to prevent the abuse of immunity.

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- The Army had earlier told the Supreme Court that it cannot be subjected to FIRs for carrying out anti-militancy operations in insurgency hit areas.

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- The army argues that local factors which are biased come in the way of the probe reports which went against the armed forces.  
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- This has necessitated an independent probe by CBI.  
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### **What impact does the case make?**

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- AFSPA has kept the counter-insurgency operations in the north-eastern states opaque.  
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- The apex court's decision has sent a clear message that AFSPA does not allow the security forces to use excessive force.  
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- The Act must operate with due respect for the rights and freedoms of citizens.  
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