Blast Near Israel Embassy In Delhi

Why In News

- The **Delhi Police**, fire department received call about a blast near the Israel Embassy in the Chanakyapuri area in New Delhi on Tuesday evening. **Relevant authorities** reached the spot and started a search operation.

What It's All Happened

- The Delhi Police received a call about a "blast" being heard near the Israeli embassy this evening.
- A team of the Delhi Police along with the dog squad, crime team, and the bomb disposal squad reached the spot. Soon, experts from the forensic laboratory also reached the spot.

- At an **empty plot of land**, just a few metres away from the embassy, the police found a letter addressed to the Israeli Ambassador.

- They also found a **flag wrapped with the letter. The** letter has been seized by the police.

- The teams, after a thorough search of the area, collected exhibits as evidence and sent them for forensic examination, the police said.
- Deputy Ambassador of Israel to India, **Ohad Nakash Kaynar said, "This** is evening several minutes after 5, an explosion occurred in close proximity of the Embassy. All our diplomats and workers are safe.

- The explosion in New Delhi comes amid the **ongoing Israel-Hamas war in Gaza**, where more than 20,000 people have been killed.
- Israel is facing extreme pressure from the rest of the world to **tone down its airstrikes** over the Gaza region and many organizations in India took out protests against the death of Palestinians in Gaza.

- This is **not the first time** that an explosion has been reported near the Israel Embassy in New Delhi.
- **In 2021, a low-intensity blast** had occurred outside the Israeli embassy. In February 2012, the wife of an Israeli security staff at the embassy was injured in an attack on her car in New Delhi.

Israel's Statement

- **Israel's National Security Council**, in the advisory issued in Hebrew, said it was possible that the blast at its embassy in Delhi on Tuesday **was "an attack"**.

- Authorities in Israel have **cautioned the country's citizens** in India to avoid public places and not to participate in crowded events following a low-intensity blast near the Israeli embassy in New Delhi that resulted in a high alert in the Indian capital.