

Parliament Security Breach Accused Charged Under Anti-Terror Law

Why In News

- Lok Sabha witnessed a security breach as two unidentified persons jumped inside the chamber of the House from the visitors' gallery.
- They have been arrested along with **two other** persons who were **protesting outside the Parliament**.
- This incident happened around 1 PM when the House was taking up the **Zero Hour**. The incident led to commotion and adjournment of the House till 2 PM.



2001 Parliament Attack

- Exactly **22 years** after the attack, brought back memories of the **2001 Parliament attack** following a major security breach inside the Lok Sabha.
- The **2001 Indian Parliament attack** was a terrorist attack on the Parliament of India in New Delhi, India on **13 December 2001**.
- The attack was carried out by **five armed assailants** that resulted in the **deaths of** six Delhi Police personnel, two Parliament Security Service personnel, and a gardener.
- President Droupadi Murmu said the nation will forever be **indebted to the brave security personnel** who laid down their lives in the 2001 terror attack on Parliament, and asked all to reiterate the pledge to wipe out terrorism.



What Exactly Happened

- Six people were involved in the **planning and execution** of a major security **breach in Parliament**, prompting a flood of questions on security systems in place in the new building, which included at **least four levels of screening**.
- The Lok Sabha was holding a Zero Hour session, **Sagar Sharma** jumped out of the visitors' gallery and into the chamber. He **popped a yellow smoke canister** and, in incredible scenes, jumped from desk to desk in an attempt to reach the Lok Sabha Speaker's Chair.



- Reports say that all accused had carried the smoke **canisters in their shoes**.
- He was **overpowered and captured by MPs**, several of whom then thrashed him. His **accomplice - Manoranjan - remained in the gallery**; he too opened a smoke canister, presumably to distract attention.



- Two others - **Neelam Devi and Amol Shinde** - burst **red and yellow canisters** outside the Parliament.
- The **fifth has been named as Lalit Jha**, at whose Gurgaon home the other five stayed. The **sixth is Vicky Sharma**, also from Gurgaon, and he has also been arrested.
- Initial inquiries have established the two who popped the smoke cans inside the Lok Sabha are from **Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh** (Sagar Sharma) and **Karnataka's Mysuru** (D Manoranjan). The two caught outside Parliament are from **Maharashtra's Latur** (Amol Shinde) and **Hisar in Haryana** (Neelam Devi).
- **Sagar Sharma and Manoranjan**, who were seated in the Lok Sabha's visitors' gallery before launching this shocking disruption were given entrance passes requested by **BJP MP Pratap Sinha's office**.



- All of them wanted to go inside Parliament but only two - **Sagar Sharma and Manoranjan** - got the passes. There is, at this time, no evidence to suggest they were radicalised by any terror group.
- **Neelam Told** The Media That "They Are Not Associated With Any Organisation And Took The Step Since The Government Is Committing Atrocities Against Citizens."



Conclusion

- The **four people arrested** over the security breach in the Parliament have been charged under the anti-terror **Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA)**, the Delhi Police informed.
- Re-assuring MPs rightly worried about their safety after this incident, Mr Birla told them a thorough investigation would take place. "All have been caught and the materials with them have been seized."



**Unlawful Activities
(prevention) Act
UAPA**