

# Delhi Blast Khalistan Links Surface

## Why In News

- The **explosion outside the CRPF Public School** in Delhi's Rohini earlier today was a directional blast and heard at least two kilometres away from the site. The **explosives were positioned in** a manner to create a **shockwave effect**, which shattered windows of adjoining buildings and vehicles during the blast.



## About The Incident

- According to initial investigation, the **solid or liquid explosive material**, in such cases, is converted to very hot, dense and high-pressure gas, sources said. The **explosive products initially expand** at very high velocities in the surrounding air, causing shockwaves due to reflective pressure, they added.



- A shockwave consists of highly compressed air, travelling radially outward from the source at **supersonic velocities**, sources further said, adding that windows of adjoining buildings and vehicles were shattered precisely due to this phenomenon. According to sources, **no metal-like substances**, ball bearings or electronic devices were found at the site and the wall of the school was used for the explosion.
- Sources said the blast possibly **occurred to give a message due to** various shops which are present in the area.

## About The Probe

- The ongoing investigation by **central agencies into the blast in Delhi's Prashant Vihar** area revealed traces of low explosives near the site. Officials commented finding materials commonly used in crude bombs.
- They stated, a **white powdery substance** which was found at the scene is suspected to be from a homemade bomb made with ammonium phosphate and other chemicals.



- However, a forensic analysis will be made **to determine the exact chemicals** used. Moreover, apart from the powdery like substance confiscated, wires were also found at the scene, but it is unclear whether they were present beforehand or connected to the explosion.

- "NSG officials also **found a battery and wire near** the blast site and are investigating if they were part of the incident," the officials added.
- Further, the Delhi Police are also probing whether the blast was intentional and, if so, **what message the perpetrators intended to send**. According to police sources, the blast was likely meant to convey a message, as the suspect deliberately chose a school wall and morning hours to avoid casualties. "The manner of the blast, targeting the wall and timing it in the morning, suggests the intention was to send a message, not to cause significant damage," they said.



- **An FIR has been registered under the Explosives Act.** CCTV footage around the area is being scanned to determine the sequence of events and ascertain the cause of the explosion.
- Police said they were probing a **possible Khalistani link** to the incident after a post circulating on social media claimed that the explosion was in retaliation to the alleged targeting of Khalistani sympathisers abroad. The claim was made by **Justice League India using a clip of the blast with a "Khalistan Zindabad"** watermark at the bottom and circulated on social media platforms.
- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has sought a report from the Delhi Police on the blast.



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