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TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

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TODAY'S DROPS OF NEWS:

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POLITY	CBI arrests 6, including 3 doctors, on graft charges.
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POLITY

In news: CBI arrests 6, including 3 doctors, on graft charges.

CBI: Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is the premier investigating police agency in India.

➤ The CBI is neither constitutional nor statutory body.

- It provides assistance to the **Central Vigilance Commission** and **Lokpal**.
- It functions under the superintendence of the Deptt. of Personnel, Ministry of Personnel, Pension & Public Grievances, Government of India - which falls under the prime minister's office.

Composition:

The composition of the CBI includes various ranks of officials to ensure its effective functioning, including:

- The Director of CBI
- Special Director(s),
- Additional Director(s),
- Joint Directors,
- Deputy Inspector-Generals,
- Superintendents of Police (SP),
- All other usual ranks of police personnel,
- Forensic Scientists, and
- Law Officers.

Appointment:

The recommendation of a **three-member committee** consisting of:

- The **Prime Minister** as Chairperson
- The **Leader of Opposition** in the Lok Sabha, and
- The **Chief Justice of India (CJI)** or a Judge of the Supreme Court nominated by the CJI.

Organizational Structure:

The key divisions of CBI and their specialized works are discussed below:

Anti-Corruption Branch: Investigates corruption-related offenses involving public officials.

Economic Offenses Wing: Deals with financial crimes, such as fraud and money laundering.

Special Crimes Unit: Handles high-profile cases, including terrorism and other serious offenses.

Suo Moto Cases: CBI can suo-moto take up investigation of offences only in the Union Territories.

- The Central Government can authorize CBI to investigate a crime in a State but only with the consent of the concerned State Government.
- The Supreme Court and High Courts, however, can order CBI to investigate a crime anywhere in the country without the consent of the State.

Landmark Cases Handled by CBI

Bofors Scandal: In the late 1980s, the CBI investigated allegations of kickbacks paid in connection with a \$1.4 billion arms deal between the Indian government and the Swedish arms manufacturer Bofors.

2G Spectrum Scam: In 2008, the CBI began investigating allegations of corruption and misconduct in the allocation of 2G spectrum licenses by the Indian government.

Satyam Scam: In 2009, the CBI began investigating a major fraud perpetrated by the founder of the Indian IT services company Satyam Computer Services.

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