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1. India's Official Secrets Act

- What is Official Secrets Act?
- Why the Official Secrets Act must be reviewed?

GS paper 2 (Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.)

What is the context about?

- Supreme Court has rejected the Centre's twin arguments and ruled that classified documents accessed by the media on the Rafale fighter jet deal can be admitted as evidence and agreed to review its own order that the government had interpreted as a clean chit.
- The court upheld the right of The Hindu newspaper to publish documents that the government had described as "stolen". "The right of such publication would seem to be in consonance with the constitutional guarantee of freedom of speech.

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What is Official Secrets Act?

- The Indian Official Secrets Act, 1904 was enacted during the time of Lord Curzon, Viceroy of India from 1899 to 1905.
- It was an amended and more stringent version of The Indian Official Secrets Act (Act XIV) of 1889, brought in at a time when a large number of powerful newspapers had emerged in several languages across India.
- Fearless editors opposed the Raj's policies on a daily basis, building political consciousness among the people, and facing police crackdowns and prison terms to uphold their mission and convictions.

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- In April 1923, a newer version of the Official Secrets Act was notified.
- The Indian Official Secrets Act (Act No XIX of 1923) replaced the earlier Act, and was extended to all matters of secrecy and confidentiality in governance in the country.
- **Ambit of the Act:** The secrecy law broadly deals with two aspects — spying or espionage, which is dealt with in Section 3 of the Act, and disclosure of other secret information of the government, which is dealt with in Section 5. The secret information can be any official code, password, sketch, plan, model, article, note, document or information.

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ANALYSIS**Why the Official Secrets Act must be reviewed?**

- Since the classification of secret information is so broad, it is argued that the colonial law is in direct conflict with the Right to Information Act.
 - Under Section 5, both the person communicating the information, and the person receiving the information, can be punished by the prosecuting agency.
 - The SARC report states that as the OSA's background is the colonial climate of mistrust of people and the primacy of public officials in dealing with the citizens, it created a culture of secrecy.
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