
ISSUES AND CHALLENGES IN INTERNAL SECURITY OF INDIA: AN ANALYSIS

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ABSTRACT

Internal Security of India is having many challenges. These challenges are complicated and immense. Act of internal security is to keep peace and law maintenance within the country and also to protect its citizens from the threats. Keeping internal security in a country starts with the police, army and ends with the citizen of the nation. It is the responsibility of all to maintain law and order of the nation. To maintain the internal security of the nation is not an easy task because of the threats like: drugs trafficking, Jammu and Kashmir issues, cyber crimes etc. At another level the problem of internal security is presented in the form of extra regional intervention that takes shape in the form of political, economic, socio- economic or military intervention.

One of the major mandates of the federal government is to ensure the security of the nation. Sometimes a threat to internal security in a country comes from caste, religion which led to disturbance in the nation and it further develop in the form of violence, armed rebellion. Government should always be ready and have planned internal security to tackle all the problems along with the protection of its citizens. Responsibility to maintain it lies with companies starting from police to paramilitary forces, and in demanding circumstances, the navy itself.

Sometimes a situation arises where the relation between two nation become disturbed then government should have all the measures to keep internal security of India. The Constitution Of India also provide the Article in case of emergency and to keep law maintenance in the country. Main threat to internal security comes from violence, organized or individual and violation of laws.

INTRODUCTION

Since the independence, India is facing diverse problems associated with inner security and over time India's inner protection issues have improved due to riots, interstate disputes, caste and ethnic tensions and many others¹. There are apparent and simultaneous demanding situations earlier than the states and society. First, to tackle the deviation of the adolescents being psychologically managed through folks who threaten internal protection and second, to bring again the ones precious human resources which have already been deviated from the mainstream of society. Therefore, this exercising would now not be viable simplest by the forces however might additionally want participation of the society which has to play a contributory role in prevention of such threats and recuperation the nation. One cannot ignore the obvious fact that imprecise youngster who have now become a chance to internal security are, in fact, treasured countrywide human aid. Irrespective of the treatment and remedy provided by using the regulation, social healing may be an effective way to minimize the harm.

Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) look after the internal security of the country. Responsibility to maintain it lies with companies starting from police to paramilitary forces, and in demanding circumstances, the navy itself. India should have planned internal security to protect the nation from the conflicts from another countries².

The society at big has to play a concrete function along side the forces already tackling the challenges emerging out of the internal protection threats. The Constitution also offers Article 352 for the enforcement of emergency if a situation arises or there is an forthcoming chance to the security of India as in a War or an armed rebellion. Since long time the device is such that country governments are managing matters of internal safety.

The gender, caste, faith, religion are also the main reason for the concern about the internal security of India. Due to religion, caste India is facing the problems of internal security which led to conflicts between the section of society³. Because of corruption and ineffective legal

¹ Issues and challenges in Internal Security Of India, India, available at <https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/comment/challenges-to-internal-security-221706> (last visited on 18th February, 2022)

² Issues and challenges in Internal Security Of India, India, available at https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-981-16-7593-5_8 (last visited on 20th February, 2022)

³ Issues and challenges in Internal Security Of India, India, available at https://idsa.in/strategicanalysis/IndiasInternalSecurityChallenges_vmarwah_1003 (last visited on 22nd February, 2022)

system and some unethical police men has also not resulted to resolve the matters. Due to Human Rights violation in present time within the nation also led to internal security of India.

Corruption in the country also led to internal security of India. Due to corruption in the nation sometimes a citizen faces a serious problem. Due to contingency of governance in State it has been resulting from elements which include administrative inefficiency. Crimes now a days have taken another form like counterfeit currency, white collar crimes, blue collar crimes, cyber crimes etc.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Due to events in South Asia the safety of India is always being hindered. It has always been witness that with the emergence of time due to events and occurrence in past the security of India is being disturbed⁴. The main happening is when the nation is being divided into different States. The main event was when Pakistan was divided and Bangladesh was formed. Because of these situations the security and relation of India with these countries become restricted.

The main issue is between India and Pakistan. The mistrust affects no longer, handiest the connection among the countries due to which the relation become affected because of the misunderstanding between the countries which led to many wars. The main reason for the relationship between them is Indo- Pak contingency over the Kashmir is the main agenda. Tensions between democratic and non democratic government within sub continent led to disparity and stress. These circumstances has involved many others powers in South Asia Conflicts and has made the state of affairs complicated and complicating intra nearby members of the State.

With the one six of world's population South Asia is comprising of seven impartial nation. Violence occurs within these States are because of various religious and spiritual agencies are the main reason behind these conflicts⁵. The religious and spiritual imbricate haven't simplest overwhelmed inner democratic traits in every nation also additionally between state relations. The relations with the neighbours are not so good that develop the tensions between the States.

⁴ Issues and challenges in Internal Security Of India, India, available at <https://www.dailypioneer.com/2019/state-editions/india---s-internal-security-challenges---solutions.html> (last visited on 23rd February, 2022)

⁵ Issues and challenges in Internal Security Of India, India, available at <https://byjus.com/free-ias-prep/explain-the-challenges-faced-by-india-since-its-independence-on-the-security-front/> (last visited on 25th February, 2022)

Friendship among the people of the States and their movement has resulted in violence, terrorist and insurgencies among the nations.

To maintain the internal security of India is not an easy task because of these conflicts between the states which led to social tensions between the nations and also hindered the relations between the member states.

INDIRA GANDHI ASSASSINATION CASE

Indira Gandhi which was known as Iron Lady was shot by her own bodyguard who was Sikh in religion and she trusted him the most. She was shot because of the operation Blue Star which she carried. Her bodyguard shot her as he was Sikh and was against the Blue Star Operation and thousands of Sikhs were killed in this operation⁶. With the emergence of this case the question raised about the internal security of India that even the Prime Minister of our country is not safe so what is the security of common man.

PRIME MINISTER NARINDER MODI SECURITY CASE

On 5th January 2022 Prime Minister was going to The National Martyrs Memorial in Hussainiwala Border. The Prime Minister was initially supposed to fly from Bathinda airport but due to some circumstances it was decided that he should go to Hussainiwala by road. The PM was scheduled to hold a rally in Firozpur but the car was stopped for fifteen to twenty minutes on a flyover on the way from Bathinda to Hussainiwala National Martyrs Memorial in Firozpur because the farmers were sitting on a protest at three different places⁷. As a result of the road blockade, the Prime Minister returned to Bathinda airport. So the question was raised about a breach in security of Prime Minister.

The Emerging Concept of Internal Security

The idea of inner security is about to change with the changing person of warfare. Till the latest beyond, national security changed into confined to protecting borders and preventing the loss of territory, but the paradigm of national protection has now assumed, significance because

⁶ Issues and challenges in Internal Security Of India, India, available at <https://www.indiatoday.in/magazine/nation/story/19880831-indira-gandhi-assassination-case-supreme-court-acquits-balbir-singh-797656-1988-08-31> (last visited on 28th February, 2022)

⁷ Issues and challenges in Internal Security Of India, India, available at <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/breach-in-pm-modis-security-supreme-court-to-take-up-matter-on-monday/article38201885.ece> (last visited on 2nd March, 2022)

of inner protection demanding circumstances. Internal and outside securities are overlapping and can not be separated.

Today, securing financial infrastructure, meals supply chain, the protection of the environment, mitigating disasters, the prevention of erosion of the cognitive domain (that could be manipulated with the aid of inimical forces and radical enterprises) and the security of residents, expect even extra attention. Security of statistics and the misuse of generation is an emerging chance to residents and institutions of governance. The cyber, facts, mental and political battle is rising as a severe hazard to internal security.

These threats are amorphous in nature and require era, the entire of government technique and legal frameworks to cope with those safety demanding situations which can create internal fissures in society and states. Thus, the idea of safety in the twenty-first century have to be huge and dynamic to cowl all of the regions which difficulty the safety of the nation and its residents⁸.

As a developing nation, there are various of factors which can divulge India to a ramification of security challenges. Ideally, national security should be regarded as a multidimensional process whose cause is to shield national values. The maximum fundamental values of any country are its survival, self-renovation and self-perpetuation.

One of the best values of India beneath chance is ‘solidarity in diversity’. For a growing local power, the idea of internal security should be to create situations of peace, balance, harmony and progress⁹.

Internal Security Challenges to India in Emerging Surroundings

Political instability erodes the monetary competitiveness of a state. Some of the downsides of political instability consists of coverage paralysis, chance averseness and the crumble of the executive which could lead to slower increase and will directly effect inner and external protection. The conventional domestic threats to country wide security had been in four

⁸Issues and challenges in Internal Security Of India, India, available at https://idsa.in/strategicanalysis/IndiasInternalSecurityChallenges_vmarwah_1003 (last visited on 8th March, 2022)

⁹Issues and challenges in Internal Security Of India, India, available at <https://www.civildaily.com/india-internal-security-challenges-from-within/> (last visited on 12th March, 2022)

agencies: terrorism in the hinterland of the nation, Jammu & Kashmir terrorism, north eastern states and left-wing extremism in some states.

JAMMU AND KASHMIR: A National Security Challenge

Jammu & Kashmir continues to be a countrywide safety assignment even publish abrogation of Article 370. Jammu & Kashmir stays a capability platform for antagonistic authorities actors, Jihadists, radicals, politically disaffected sections of the population, criminals, drug traffickers and subsidized irregulars to operate at the side of every different. The fusion of multiple actors in a single war area gives alternatives to cause a lethal hybrid struggle. The manifestation of hybrid struggle this is unfolding in Jammu & Kashmir is go-border terrorism, the struggle of belief, cyber crime, political war, diplomatic rhetoric and violent extremism. Post abrogation of Article 370 the authorities must push the development schedule with urgency¹⁰. If it fails, the state may want to plunge into irretrievable chaos. Similarly, the system of standards for jobs and the purchase of land calls for urgency so that the subjects of the nation aren't disadvantaged of jobs, and colonization by way of outsiders does no longer take vicinity.

Jammu and Kashmir is still a point on India's security and family members with our native nation Pakistan. Due to complications in the state affairs along with UN Security Council Resolution had led disturbance in internal security. Finance and bustle by various protester and agencies inside the State had led the affiliation of the Kashmir Issue which led to terrorism¹¹.

NORTH EASTERN STATE

Basically eight states of the country comprise north east state. These states are bounded by four countries. There are several ethnic groups and many different languages are spoken by people of these states. Due to illegal migration from various states, unemployment between the state and the tribal conflicts had led to ultimatum separation.

Because of the ethnic gap between these States had led to feeling of separation between the people of country that resulted into the severance. The ethnic tension between the states has resulted into the conflicts between the people because there are more than fifty tribes. Some of

¹⁰ Issues and challenges in Internal Security Of India, India, available at <https://www.mbauniverse.com/group-discussion/topic/current-affairs/article-370> (last visited on 21st February, 2022) (last visited on 12th March, 2022)

¹¹ Issues and challenges in Internal Security Of India, India, available at <https://www.vifindia.org/article/2017/may/19/india-confronting-internal-security-challenges> (last visited on 14th March, 2022)

them are demanding separate union which led to insurgency within the State¹². The insurgencies within north east is deeply rooted in its history. In Manipur thousands of people died during insurgency and the violence that are created due to the demand for separate state.

Due to large illegal migrants from Bangladesh in Assam the people of Assam felt the threat of being losing their political power in the state and the majority will be people from Bangladesh. So Assam demanded for separate state to preserve their ethics and culture. In 2012, the violence between Muslims speaking Bengali people and indigenous people led to conflicts between the people later it has affected other parts of the country which led to violence in other states of India also. Many people died in Assam Nagaland border crises. The border was separated when the Nagaland got independent. The communities and tribes situated on the borders claimed the separated land because of their historical rights.

Militancy was firstly experienced by the Nagaland people under the management of Phizo for the demand of separate state. In 1951 under the leadership of Phizo the Nagas got independence. Due to insurgency and the violence within the North East has completely affected the development of the state¹³.

In Manipur the militant groups are more in number than of Manipur people which always led to conflict between two groups which cause violence and on other hand Nagas want large part of Manipur that led to demand for an independent nation.

Meghalaya was the least state to get affected in the insurgency. But the problems arise due to the division of the tribes which led to crimes in the state. The main solicitude was drugs trafficking, extorting in this state. The state has become the main route for drug trafficking between Bangladesh and India.

Insurgency in Tripura finds its root in the inflow of refugees from the newly emerged East Pakistan after partition, post independence and put up 1971 battle liberation in Bangladesh. Political changes that provide new opportunities for non-public advantage and extending their affect can spark violent conflicts. Even though most of them are aware of the reality that secession isn't always a viable alternative, they maintain on elevating this demand to convey

¹² Issues and challenges in Internal Security Of India, India, available at <https://www.drishtiias.com/upsc-mains-solved-papers/subject/internal%20security> (last visited on 18th March, 2022)

¹³ Issues and challenges in Internal Security Of India, India, available at <https://www.dailypioneer.com/2019/state-editions/india---s-internal-security-challenges---solutions.html> (last visited on 19th March, 2022)

collectively the diverse contending conflicts on one platform. Making commonplace purpose against the Indian state is how lots of those agencies with conflicting ideologies cooperate with every other of their combat against the Indian kingdom. The United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) became born out of the call for to throw out the migrants from Bangladesh, and but its top leaders are these days finding sanctuary in that states¹⁴.

Left Extremism

Left-wing extremism (LWE) is largely regarded as one of the most serious security challenges facing India since independence. It is also a political, socioeconomic, and political challenge. The Left-wing extremism, according to former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh, is "India's biggest internal security problem ever." Recognizing the Left-wing extremism movement as a serious issue, Prime Minister Narendra Modi encouraged radicals to "put down the pistol for a few days and visit the people who have been impacted by their violence". Those kids would undoubtedly inspire misguided adolescents to put down their arms for good. This experiment will make you alter your mind and abandon your violent methods."

Left-wing extremism was initially limited to three police station areas in Darjeeling district, West Bengal: Naxalbari, Khoribari, and Phansidewa. However, in recent years, the movement has grown to dangerous proportions, endangering peace and security throughout a huge swath of country known as the 'Red Corridor,' which spans ten states. The history of the Left-wing extremism movement, which spans fifty years, has been defined by core themes such as poverty, inequity, and popular discontent. It is a worldwide phenomenon, although its intensity is particularly high in developing countries.

The Maoist insurgent theory is built on the celebration of radical left ideology, according to documents recovered from their hideouts during many raids and engagements. It validates the use of violence to subvert the prevailing socioeconomic and political order. The People's Liberation Guerrilla Army was formed as an armed wing of the Communist Party of India Maoists based on this ideology (CPI-M). The People's War Group (PWG), which was powerful in Andhra Pradesh, the Maoist Communist Centre of India (MCCI), which had a stronghold in central Indian states.

¹⁴ Issues and challenges in Internal Security Of India, India, available at https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-981-16-7593-5_8 (last visited on 21st March, 2022)

According to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), the Left-wing extremism movement affected 106 districts in ten states: Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal in 2016. 35 of the 108 districts dispersed throughout the ten states mentioned above have been identified as most affected Left-wing extremism districts based on the degree of insurgency. Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, and Bihar are among the states that have been badly affected. Partially affected states include West Bengal, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana.

The Indian government has taken a comprehensive approach to dealing with the Left-wing extremism insurgency. This strategy is based on implementing a security agenda, developmental initiatives, and promoting good governance all at the same time. The Ministry of Home Affairs 2014 National Policy and Action Plan to Address the Left-wing extremism Problem essentially consists of four elements: an integrated multi-pronged strategy that includes security-related measures, development-related initiatives, ensuring rights and entitlement-related measures, and public perception management.

Drugs and Narcotics Trafficking

Nowadays trafficking of drugs have become the major threat to the internal security of India. India is now included in those countries in which drug addiction is most. People has started the smuggling of drugs from one country to another. Most of the drug that come to India is from Pakistan. Many a times our Indian Army had caught the people who are smuggling the drugs through borders.

Afghanistan has increased the production of opium which led to great demand in India. These drugs are smuggled through the boarders, especially in Punjab sector¹⁵. This illegal movement of the narcotic drugs led to threat to the internal security of the country. If these drugs are smuggled through borders there can also be chances of illegal smuggling of weapons through the borders in the country which can led to serious threat within country.

The attack that took place in Pathankot in 2015 suggested that terrorists entered India through the route which was used for drugs smuggling. It has been observed that the money which is

¹⁵ Issues and challenges in Internal Security Of India, India, available at <https://www.sundayguardianlive.com/opinion/narcotics-trafficking-impacts-national-security> (last visited on 3rd April, 2022)

engender by selling illegal drugs are used for terrorists activities.

In recent time it has been seen that drugs is affecting the youth of our country. We can take the recent example of Mumbai cruise drug case in which Shah Rukh Khan son's Aryan Khan was arrested due to drugs. Many others Bollywood stars are also arrested due to drugs smuggling case. Another example we can take of Rhea Chakraborty's case¹⁶.

Many laws have been formed to control the drugs trafficking in India. Government is taking necessary precautions for the benefit of the citizens. Many Acts have been enacted to eradicate the drugs in the country so that it does not affect peace and law of nation.

Cyber Crime

In today's era cybercrime is one of the most emerging issue in the country. Computer and technology have become the life of the people. All the illegal activities are under the cyber crime and they all are operated by the hacker. It is not only of one type but beyond our think it create issue for the people but as well as national security to. Cybercrime has become a burning issue for the nation security. Now a days terrorist most often takes the help of cybercrime for raising the funding and getting the hidden information which can be hazardous for the nation and for its internal security .

In day to day life we often see in newspaper , television that some group of people hack the system and stolen away money from the account sometimes server of defence has been hack and information is taken away, for any nation internal security is most important for the safety of nation.

But some greedy people sell the defence information to the enemy country which can latter become the distruction for the nation. We sometimes see that secret information of the country has been leaked it is just because some people in the nation sells that information just because in sake of money¹⁷.

¹⁶ Issues and challenges in Internal Security Of India, India, available at <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/magazines/panache/after-rhea-chakraborty-mumbai-court-de-freezes-accounts-of-two-more-accused-in-drugs-case-linked-to-sushant-singh-rajputs-death/articleshow/88805632.cms> (last visited on 3rd April, 2022)

¹⁷ Issues and challenges in Internal Security Of India, India, available at <https://www.outlookindia.com/website/story/indias-national-security-challenges/261738> (last visited on 4th April, 2022)

Nowadays we see that accounts has been hacked by the hackers which can led to major problems in the nation. If on right time this problem will not be sorted out this cybercrime can paralyzed the safety of nation, as well as it will become wound for us and opportunities for the enemy nation therefore government should make the proper arrangement for the safety of the nation.

Illegal Migration

Illegal migration is one of the highly growing problem in India which can cause imbalance in India and create many problem such as population, exploitation and depletion of resources as well as land occupation of the nation and situation can leads to raising of unbalance in certain part of country where illegally migration occurs.

In recent times we mostly hear from the Bangladesh most of the muslim illegally entered into west Bengal due to which lot of problem was raised in Bengal such as population, imbalance in religion , demolition of fundamental right of Bengal person ,so many other problem occurs but due to some politician illegal migration was done in India to hold their position¹⁸.

Daily we hear in television, radio and newspaper some terrorist arrives across India border and they make terrorism activities such as bomb blast, due to which thousands of people died and a lot of Indian wealth gets destroyed in attack and to neutralise terrorism many martyr sacrificed their life for the nation¹⁹.

Many terrorist attack happened in India and in them one was Bombay bomb blast which was occurred in Taj Hotel in which many civilian died and hotel was destroyed, many police men and women were died in that attack and many more such attacks were happened in them one was attack on Indian parliament there was thousand of such attacks which happened in India due to illegal migration²⁰.

Illegal migration can become wound for the nation and also become destruction for the nation this problem could be solved out by making strong and advanced fencing across the border and

¹⁸ Issues and challenges in Internal Security Of India, India, available at <https://www.drishtiias.com/mains-practice-question/question-996> (last visited on 5th April, 2022)

¹⁹ Issues and challenges in Internal Security Of India, India, available at <https://youthdestination.in/illegal-migration-in-india/> (last visited on 7th April, 2022)

²⁰Issues and challenges in Internal Security Of India, India, available at <https://www.vifindia.org/article/2012/august/06/illegal-migration-as-a-threat-to-india-s-internal-security> (last visited on 9th April, 2022)

proper security inside the nation.

What Are The Suggestions

Following are the suggestions to keep law and order maintain in India so that it does not led threat to internal security of India.

- If the governance of the country is good it does not led to affect the internal security of country. The main intention of terrorists is to harm the governance of the country and to create violence in the nation if our governance is good no one can create violence in the country which can led to its growth²¹.
- Country should have some agencies that would look after the activities within the country. Nowadays the crime rate in the nation has been increased such as drugs, counterfeit currency, terrorism etc. to tackle all these problems country should have special agencies to maintain peace, law and order within the nation.
- There should be proper data of each and every citizen of the country from its name to its profession, resident etc. it will help for better identification and to maintain internal security of nation.
- It has been witnessed that Jammu and Kashmir has been violence for over thirty two years. There should be free and fair election so that people can select their candidates freely which can led to better administration, more border security and also to look after the corruption²².
- Till now north eastern states are not homogeneous entity. All the states have their own different issues, problems, violence and conflicts which led to insurgency in the state. No single policy can resolve the issues and problems of these states.

CONCLUSION

The greatest issue facing a nation state is "the protection of citizens' physical, political, and cultural identities." State and non-state actors, as well as physical and cognitive threats, provide a current internal security threat to the state. However, the threat from cyber, political warfare,

²¹ Issues and challenges in Internal Security Of India, India, available at https://idsa.in/strategicanalysis/IndiasInternalSecurityChallenges_vmarwah_1003 (last visited on 9th April, 2022)

²² Issues and challenges in Internal Security Of India, India, available at <https://www.outlookindia.com/website/story/indias-national-security-challenges/261738> (last visited on 10th April, 2022)

transnational terror organisations, water scarcity, societal division, and black swan events like coronavirus and technology have all been added to the internal security paradigm.

The society is and should be the centre of internal security. Individual liberty and society security issues frequently appear to be at odds. The key to dealing with internal security, however, is to keep both people and society in mind. The States is undeniably no longer a safe haven. From terrorists attempting to attack citizens to malicious cyber activity targeting citizens, institutions of government, key infrastructure, or political and moral subversion through psychological and political warfare, India is a target. Government of India should take necessary steps to stops these activities in the nation for the safety of its citizen.