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EVOLVING GEOPOLITICAL LANDSCAPE

- Operation Sindoor has compelled everyone to appreciate new realities in various areas
- Propose to confine to ramifications for internal security
- Terrorist acts led by ISIS ideology with the aim to disturb communal harmony by waging a war against the country to establish Islamic rule through violence and terror are expected to increase sharply
- Influx of illegal foreigners
- Encirclement of strategic and vital installations, railway tracks, roads
- Narcotics being pushed in huge quantities
- Creation of agenda-driven narratives or algorithmic manipulation to spread fake videos, messages. Availability of banned IMO app - a secure international video call and messaging app
- Cyber crimes



IMPLICATIONS & CONSEQUENCES

- Corruption likely to increase at every level in judiciary, administration, law enforcing agencies, prisons to achieve nefarious objectives of the enemy
- Sabotage on railways, communication channels
- Judicial delays in deciding even serious cases and letting of criminals
- Traffic accidents
- Cumulatively creating a perception "Indian criminals are available at cost to spread nuisance in the world"
- Use of these criminals by India's enemies in destabilising India from within and reduce foreign investments
- Need for civil defence training to youth as well as citizens at large



INCREASED TERRORIST ACTIVITIES

- Following Op Sindoor, terrorists in Pakistan under various nomenclatures including ISIS, Islamic State-Khorasan province (IS-KP) Al Quaida, Jaish e Mohammad, Jaish e Lashkar are likely to become desperate & indulge in fierce attacks on soft targets
- Attacks would not be confined to J & K alone but may be in other parts of the country as well as abroad
- Pakistan would intensify state-sponsored terrorism through Kashmiri youth as well as Khalistanis staying abroad and North-East splinter groups
- May provide assistance to Left-wing radicals in the form of smuggled weapons
- Only one intention: Break India into as many parts as possible
- Create rift between Muslims and Hindus using victim card



ILLEGAL FOREIGNERS

- GoI recently passed Immigration and Foreigners Act 2025.
- Clarifying the objectives Union HM mentioned distinction needs to be made between legal and illegal foreigners in the country. Illegal foreigners who have entered illegally and those who entered legally but are overstaying illegally need to be identified and removed at the earliest.
- Sleeping modules may be activated to subvert national security.
- Action against these elements cannot be delegated solely to States as they may not be willing to undertake this job for various reasons
- Globally, this task is performed by federal authorities.
- Urgent need to establish Dept of Immigration under MHA with it's presence upto district level



ENCIRCLIMENT OF VITAL INSTALLATIONS

- Atomic energy units, dams, power installations, cantonment areas are declared as vital installations
- Research units of sensitive nature including NCL, NPL, DRDO have come in the midst of expanding towns
- Prestigious academic institutes like IITs, IICT, IIIT and many other are of crucial importance for development
- Software parks, manufacturing units of national importance, railway tracks, airports
- Most of these are located on GoI land.
- Surroundings are deliberately encroached by unidentified persons which are safe hide outs for anti-national elements
- Even police have no entry to these encroachments



NARCO-TERRORISM

- Countries in golden triangle and golden crescent as well as African & Gulf countries are pushing drugs of very high value in India
- Drones in bordering areas are used to air-drop the banned material
- Sea routes near Gujrat, Maharashtra, Kerala as well as major ports being exploited to smuggle in tonnes of drugs
- Land routes from Bangla Desh, Nepal and trains from these places used relentlessly to pour drugs
- Funds from sell of these reused to purchase arms and provide to banned groups
- Productivity of youth being destroyed making them victims of despair
- Foreigners arrested continue in the country without checks



AGENDA-DRIVEN FAKE NARRATIVE

- Social platforms like Facebook, WhatsApp, X, & Instagram being used to radicalise youth, recruit them to banned organisations, purchase of arms, and destabilise the democratically elected popular regimes
- Doctored fake videos, messages are made viral to incite members to attack police and soft targets of other community
- Create distrust against government established institutes
- Disturb communal and religious harmony
- Emerging technologies such as deep-fakes and A-I generated images have added another layer of complexity to discern truth
- Platforms must be held accountable
- Need to create widespread digital literacy with availability to verify sources



CYBER CRIMES

- Heightened threat of stealing sensitive personal and organisational data belonging to defence forces, government officers
- Intense job rackets to lure people looking for jobs
- Stealing people's wealth in name of digital arrests, investments in share market
- Sexual assaults on young women by giving false promises of marriage
- Hoax calls against airlines, railways, hospitals and other soft targets
- Need to enhance funding to law enforcing agencies to trace every criminal and take prompt action. Many of these belong to Pakistan & China
- Co-opt cyber experts working privately
- Need to strengthen legal framework and post experts in embassies



NEED OF THE HOUR

- Enforce good government norms by initiating various measures to eliminate corruption, involve all sections of the society to increase their stakes
- Ensure stern action against all crimes in a time bound manner
- Be vocal against divisive forces
- Instil spiritualism rather than materialism among all sections
- Enhance funding in creating skills not only among youth but also among persons of various age groups
- Promote national unity constantly



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