

Strategising for Handling New Age Terror

What is the issue?

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- The rise of 'Lone Wolf' attacks to prominence has signalled the emergence of a new pattern in the expression of terror. \n
- This necessitates an overhaul in couter attack strategies of which police forces figure prominantly. \n

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How are lone wolf attacks different?

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- Unlike conventional attacks, 'Lone Wolf' mode does not involve trained and armed terrorists attacking pre-determined targets.
- It is not constrained by physical border & need for weapons. $\slash n$
- Rather it is a more a psychological warfare were radicalization of a person in the target country is made online. \n
- They usually target large gatherings & any object of daily use could potentially become their weapon.
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- Such attributes make lone wolf attackers lesser detectable by intelligence agencies until after the attack. \n

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What are the ways to improve local police?

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• Local police posts are the first responders to any security threat & also the

nerve centre for law enforcement, intelligence gathering. \n

- Training Indian police force in general is a courageous & brave one but they need to be trained and equipped. γ_n
- Post the 2008 Mumbai attack, some progress has been made in this regard but these needs more vigour. \n
- **Staff shortage -** Currently, they are severely understaffed, which calls for immediate attention.

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- Unfortunately, the limited resources of the government are being mindlessly spent in rapidly expanding the para-military forces. \n
- Also, large number of policemen continue to be deployed on VIP security duties.

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- Other Aspects The working of the police force needs to be Audited regularly and obstacles must be addressed with urgency. \n
- Mock drills should factor in changing nature of threats and tactics of the enemy.

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- The masses need to be educated about the security challenges and encourage to contribute to strengthen state's efforts. \n

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