

1. The existence of peace at the Indo-Myanmar border is critical for livelihood of tribal people in the hill areas of Manipur. discuss?
Manipur known for its great diversity and in its ethnicity and culture is being disturbed by some insurgent groups who have aim to get separated as a sovereign state and aspiration to acquire power in that region by means of cowardly acts.

Recent attacks:

The ambush on a convoy of 46 Armed Rifles, killing 5 armed rifles including commanding chief and his family was condemned as a cowardly act. The targets being the family member was at the greatest concern. The attacks were near Behang on the India-Myanmar border.

Groups involved :-

It is likely that PLA (People's Liberation Army) and Manipur Naga Liberation Army were involved in such acts which disturbed the peace in the region.

COIN Strategy :-

Government used this strategy to defeat the ~~instable~~ irregular force. But counterinsurgency strategy is now being questioned for not creating a peaceful ambience in Manipur which is hindering the livelihoods of tribal people in the hill area.

The major reasons behind the attack :

→ The union ministry aimed at increasing development in North eastern states by promoting Behrang trade centre as second major gateway of south east asia.

→ These these developments activated the PLA, Manipur Nagas, Kuki national organisation and some more groups to built their strategic positions and gain power in the region.

The south asia terrorism portal ~~is~~ declares the information on insurgency based conflicts reported in 2019-2020 the attack were in single digits but in 2021 it raised and the above mentioned reason is the major one.

The major concern :-

→ The major concern is that the base of these irregular forces ~~are~~ is in Myanmar and these action are operated from there due to strong army hold in Indian region.

→ The major finance for these groups is from extortion, drugs (due to porous border with myanmar they are brought in India), Criminal activities etc.

Therefore there must be coordinated approach with myanmar and other bordering states to reduce insurgency and not to create a safe ~~haven~~ haven for terrorism instead counter it with coordinated strategies.