

In the wake of new modes of terrorism, international cooperation can be a possible solution to handle them effectively. explain
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In the light of recent drone attacks since 2018, they have changed the dimension of terrorism. This new mode of using Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) has posed huge challenge to the armies of various nations.

Eg: UAV attack in Jammu and Kashmir IAF base in June 2020.

Furthermore these kinds of attack are capable to attack and destabilize economy of country.

Eg: 2019 Houthis rebels strike over Saudi oil installations

Factors that pose challenge:

Drone attacks are more advantageous for terrorist as → they no need large organisations for attacking.

→ they get the comfort of being anonymous in a remote location for attack.

→ they could easily get past the conventional tools of combating terrorism.

More over they are cost efficient in highly secured areas like LDC, LAC etc.

What Government has done?

Invasive surveillance, harsher policing, stringent laws and offensives against countries supporting terrorism has show limited success. Earlier the government finalized "National Counter Rogue Drone Guidelines" for handling UAV used as weapons, in 2019. Drone policy 2.0 is yet to come addressing commercial ecosystem issues for drone usage in India.

Need of Hour:

Terrorism being a global problem it needs to be addressed with international cooperation, to handle these new modes of terrorism knowledge sharing, technology sharing and combating measures against them are important. Eg: seperate military exercises focusing could be conducted between nations.

Secondly the existing international frameworks for "proliferation of technology that can be weaponised" must be modified for this new arena. In this case Missile Technology Control Regime are becoming weaker. Thus a multifaceted International co-operations is need of hour.