

Do you think that the Intelligence agencies in India must track ecological threat and epidemics? Comment.

The Intelligence agencies in India monitors serious economic frauds, nuclear threat, domestic security threats, finance crimes etc. But the New India requires data and information from ecological threat and epidemics since loss by them creates destruction on human life and biodiversity on large scale.

Intelligence Necessity - Illegal Dumping

1. The Indian waterbodies are affected by illegal dumping from factories, industries thereby destroying the biodiversity and wildlife around it.
2. (e.g) If necessary data was available to NGT on illegal dumping, then pro-active measure can be effectively implemented.
3. (e.g) Illegal heavy metal sewage into rural areas, biodiversity affected and people affected by joint and bone diseases which can be reduced.

Intelligence necessity - Illegal wildlife trade:

1. Illegal wildlife killing, trade is a major ecological threat since, it reshape the predator and ecological pyramid.
2. Thus Intelligence on hunting, trading by WCCB - Ministry of Environment can effectively reduce the threat on ecology.
3. (e.g) Wildlife trade is the 111th largest illicit trade as per UNDP.

Intelligence necessity - Diseases:

1. India has epidemic diseases like Malaria, dengue, Japanese Encephalitis etc,
2. Tracking of contact, resources of spread if already available to health department, Indian health can be effectively managed.
3. (e.g) Without proper prior information, National Health Mission implementation is a tedious process for health sector in society.

Concerns and Challenges:

1. The intelligence agencies has tail end Syndrome since lack of officials tenders the process tedious for data collection.
2. Co-ordination between agency is necessary to be addressed for sharing data, information.
3. Training of staffs should be held periodically for the necessity in Indian scenario.