

"Improving National Security And Anti-Terrorism"

Collective inputs from over 200,000 Citizens in circle

"Transform India with Modi"

(Key Issues, Root Causes and Proposed Solutions)

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Executive Summary

Over the past few decades, terrorism has been India's biggest concerns. From J&K to right down to South India, our national security has been threatened by inhumane acts time and again, leading to significant loss of innocent lives. The 200,000+ strong "Transform India with Modi" online community has come together to collectively identify the key issue, root causes and solutions for improving National Security and Anti-Terrorism in India and the community expects that the Government will work towards implementing the identified solutions.

Key Issue Identified:

Many terrorist attacks have taken place in different parts of the country over the last two decades and new attacks take place every few months. Unfortunately, terror has become part of life in India where citizens, whether travelling by trains or visiting a public market/place have an underlying sense of fear that anything can happen.

Root Causes Identified:

- 1. Lack of strong Political and Government will to weed out terrorism and work on long term solutions
- 2. Punishment for even mass murders/acts of terrorism takes years (26/11 Mumbai attacks or 1992 Mumbai Blasts)
- 3. Unavailability of strong anti-terrorist law in India and speedy court trail mechanism
- 4. Our Governments have traditionally negotiated with terrorists
- 5. Bold decisions while acquiring modern weapons are feared as media tries to find fault in everything
- 6. Lack of strong technical infrastructure at the state police level
- 7. Importance of dedicated surveillance techniques is undermined
- 8. Constant infiltration along the Line of Control
- 9. Weak surveillance along the Indian borders and coast
- Corrupt practices are common at borders and for personal gains national security is compromised
- 11. The police still use very old firearms as their new requirements are postponed



- 12. Most of the technologies that we use are old and outdated
- 13. Police verification of tenants/ domestic helps is not undertaken
- 14. No proper co-ordination between different security agencies, intelligence agencies, state police and international intelligence agencies
- 15. Money can be easily transferred through Hawala
- 16. It is easy to get local sim cards on fake ids from mobile service providers
- 17. No strong response to our neighbour countries' constant acts of terror
- 18. Being a democracy, India cannot take some strong steps like other counties
- 19. It is easy to get bail in India
- 20. Prompt actions are not initiated against people who overstay their permitted visa
- 21. Many illegal arms factory are operational in many parts of the country
- 22. Lack of surveillance in cities
- 23. Politicians influence the work and priorities of state police
- 24. Whistle blowers are not provided enough protection and their details are made known to culprits
- 25. Corruption in defence, police and other protection agencies
- 26. Secrets of our country are leaked to other nations
- 27. The sense of nationalism and unity does not prevail among citizens
- 28. Lack of faith/trust towards the country and the system
- 29. Businesses, Citizens look for their own short term benefit and do not conduct much due diligence before renting a place or working with a potential terrorist
- 30. Poverty, unemployment and lack of opportunities
- 31. Most of the minority is struggling to make a living and is illiterate about population control
- 32. High number of kids in poor minority families, with no education on nationalism leads to poor and directionless young population who can be brainwashed to perform terrorist acts
- 33. The education system in Madarsas and similar set ups have no transparency on their workings
- 34. Colonization by minorities there are some areas in many cities which have become hubs for poor minority population
- 35. Spread of hatred by strong words by minority leaders
- 36. Brain washing of the youth of J&K to join terrorist organizations
- 37. People are concerned just about their own selves and don't care about what is happening around them.

Solutions Identified:

1. Government of India needs to build consensus and have a clear "No Tolerance" policy on terrorism, demonstrated by firm actions



- 2. Laws regarding terrorism and national security should be strictly implemented
- 3. Anti-terrorism laws should be further strengthened
- 4. The people accused of terrorism should undergo a speedy trial
- 5. Financial surveillance of the potential terrorism funding agencies should be strictly monitored
- 6. Illegal money laundering should be checked and channels should be broken
- 7. Two laws that need immediate amendment are PMLA (Prevention of Money Laundering Act) and UAPA (Unlawful Activities Prevention Act)
- 8. The intra-department coordination between the Indian security agencies and police forces should be improved by connecting all of them via a technology network
- 9. A formal coordination network between the Indian intelligence and international agencies should be developed
- 10. Advanced technologies utilized by developed countries should be deployed for border security
- 11. A national database like Aadhar should be deployed with mobile phone integration should be utilized to track every adult in the country
- 12. Government (Central and State) should ensure every police station has smartphone, computer and internet access
- 13. Latest technical infrastructure should be provided to the state police
- 14. The police should go through regular trainings to upgrade themselves
- 15. New surveillance techniques should be adopted and CCTV cameras should be installed across cities
- 16. State police should be provided with modern weapons
- 17. All security agencies to be autonomous with no political interference. Transfers & appointments should be without political influence & approvals
- 18. The informer mechanism should be strengthened to anticipate terrorist attacks
- 19. Whistle blowers and people giving testimonies should be given thorough police protection
- 20. A dedicated phone number for terror related activities should be started
- 21. Community reporting for terrorism should be enabled
- 22. Correct history lessons should be taught in schools to ensure nationalism and patriotism is instilled in ideology
- 23. The minorities should be educated about family planning and population control
- 24. Education system in Madarsas should be brought under the Government lens
- 25. All caste/religion based reservations should be removed
- 26. Politics of getting votes should not meddle with security considerations
- 27. A strict ban should be imposed on hate speeches
- 28. Serious efforts should be made to separate politics from religion.



National Security and Terrorism – A few Citizen quotes:

- 1. One important issue about Terrorism and Crime is politicisation of Police Force & Bureaucracy *Paras Jain*
- 2. Our police and border security is most corrupt, and there is no audit on them *Manoj Vernekar*
- 3. Policing shall be resourceful, quick. Police force have to employ good and educated personal *Ishank Dubey*
- 4. The main burden lies on the judiciary in the areas of not granting bail citing the principles of natural justice (the terrorists and Naxalites never adhere to the principles of natural justice), Speedy disposal and punishments to the excused etc. are to be followed scrupulously *Varaprasad Daitha*
- 5. Law enforcement in our country is very poor. There are so many laws but no one to check if you are following them. If you break the law no one notices and you don't have to pay any fine. If you litter the public place or you break the traffic rules you should be fined immediately. This should happen in India *Avinash Gaikwad*
- 6. By removing the autonomy granted to J&K, we can be rest assured that it is an integral part of India. Terrorism though it may continue, but we will have a larger say in disallowing Pakistani's to marry Kashmiri girls and retain dual citizenship. Once married they will have to surrender their Pakistani nationality and be an Indian or the girl can lose her Indian citizenship and settle in Pakistan. On retaining dual citizenship, our bureaucrats get confused, if the individual has any Pakistani roots, allowing terrorism to grow *Russel Raphael*
- Overall upliftment and fear of law, perfect tracking of unproductive population of India is very important for peace and security of our society and largely nation – Hareshwar Singh
- 8. It is important to register all citizens with full bio data and identity like Adhar card should be first registered and then tracked all people of criminal records and their current status *Hareshwar Singh*
- 9. The problem of terrorism and minority is far more complex than made out to be. If leaders from within that community do not help their lesser educated brethren to usher in proper norms of living in a pluralistic society, perhaps, no headway will ever be made. This job is a tough challenge, for the community has not been able to produce such a SINGLE LEADER in its 1700 years of history. MAY BE A MIRACLE OCCURS....... KP Sharma
- 10. The main terror would be from south India and then Maharashtra. The difference within this is Maharashtra has Hindu Muslim in the name of liquor and tobacco by Marathi and Muslims are innocent in South India everyone is terrorist and illiterate Jayalalitha is the one who controls everything in right way I think Modi should join her for better India *Magesh Pichaimani*



- 11. Infiltration of terrorists When my friends recently visited Nepal by road, their experience is that one can easily get inside Indian boarder if they pay some small bribe to the checking authority. Even though we have a very good systematic immigration procedure in our Airports, but while travelling by road across the border no implementation of these rules. Terrorists first get inside Nepal and then by road they can easily cross over our boarder. We need rethink about this system between India and Nepal *Rajesh Kumar*
- 12. The terror is almost all parts of our country as well other nation. The security system to be more effective. The defaulters should be punished without any mercy and at the earliest. The present judicial system geared up more effective and speeded up. Instead of prolonging the case the award of punishment should be within a specified time so that there will be creation of some fear in the mind of people before doing such thing. If sufficient proof is obtained the punishment should not exceed 3 to 6 months and the punishment must be hanged to death and nothing less than this *MK Venugopal*
- 13. The problem of terrorism is a complex one and it will take time to solve it completely. The reasons behind its complexity include political system and the attitude in the neighbouring countries and also our internal weaknesses. We can certainly minimize the latter and thereby reduce terrorism to a larger extent **Satyanshu Upadhyay**
- 14. For colonisation I would like to quote a live example from Pune. There are many societies that don't allow any Muslim Tenant or owner. Imagine the scale on the state level. This is only true where people are educated that you will find differences. So education is not the only answer to eliminating differences. Good schools don't allow minorities to enrol after a certain percentage. With this condition minorities will obviously feel cornered. I think that if minorities are allowed to establish settlements wherever they want, this feeling of colonisation will be removed **Shahid Sayyed**
- 15. What we need is a law and order mechanism that should be impartial and strong to make sure criminals are punished without bias or favouritism. Law should applicable even to the most powerful without exceptions. We need to have active policy rather than reactive with strong counter intelligence force *Padmanabham SK*
- 16. A strong government with strong conviction, not resorting for appeasement policies and see things as they are and deal with sternly. Any kind of bias with any wing will only attract the innocent your towards terrorism. After all, the water flows from top to bottom and the bottle necks are also on the to *Kolla Koteshwara Rao*
- 17. It would really be a great job if the above solutions can be implemented. Moreover, in the first point regarding teaching of Patriotism and Nationalism in schools, I feel if the root cause i.e. inculcation of values in one's character is introduced somehow in the students, other things easily follow. Value Education is already been considered seriously by many schools throughout the country *Shyamsundar*