

Jawaharlal Nehru University

Special Centre for National Security Studies

COURSE TITLE: DOMESTIC/INTERNAL SECURITY STUDIES OF INDIA

Course Number:	SN-702
Course Teacher:	
Contact Details:	
Course Credit:	03
Duration:	One semester
Instruction Method:	Lectures, tutorials and seminars
Evaluation Method:	Sessional work and semester examination
Contact Hours:	One hour after the class & by appointment

Objective:

The objective of the course is to provide a comprehensive overview of various internal security challenges facing India. The course provides an ontological and epistemological analysis of internal security threats such as terrorism, insurgency, extremism, illegal migration, illicit trafficking of drugs, narcotics and human beings, etc. These threats require in-depth study as well as enquiry not because they disrupt peace and political order in the country, but also due to their potential threats to the democratic structure of the Indian state. The course also offers insights into the strategies, policies, institutions and structures that India has formulated and built to tackle these complex challenges, and ensure peace and security in the country. The course will generate new knowledge and expertise on the subject through high-level research and training.

Course Structure

1. **Internal Security:** Definition; Types of threats and challenges to Internal Security –insurgency, terrorism, communal riots, organized crime, porous borders; Role of external state and non-state actors; Structures/organisations to deal with internal security threats; Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate; Police Reforms; Role of media - print, electronic and social media; Social alienation; poverty and unemployment; Inter-State river water dispute.
2. **Insurgencies in the Northeast:** Genesis of insurgencies; types of insurgencies and ethnic conflicts – Naga insurgency, Assam agitation, Bodo insurgency; Counter-insurgency – doctrine, operations, legal provisions, role of military/armed police forces/local police, role of civil societies in conflict resolution and peace building.
3. **Left Wing Extremism:** Definition; Ideology; Genesis and history—Tebhaga Movement, Naxalbari revolt; Geographical spread; Structure – Committees (central, regional, divisional), Peoples' Liberation Guerrilla Army, United Front, international linkages; Anti-Naxal operations, policies, role of governments, security forces and civil societies.
4. **Terrorism:** Definition; Types of terrorism – cross-border/ foreign, home grown/indigenous; terrorist organisations in India; linkages with international

terrorist networks and organisations; cross-border terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir; terror financing; linkages between terrorism and organized crime.

5. **Security challenges to border & coastal areas:** threats and challenges – infiltration by terrorist groups, illegal migration, drug and narcotics trafficking, gun running, smuggling; border management – border guarding, border regulation, development of border areas, and cooperation of neighbours; coastal security mechanism; community participation.

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