



A Two-Day National Conference on Transforming India's Counter-Terrorism Strategy in the Amritkal: Emerging Trends and Security Dilemmas

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Concept Note

Terrorism has been one of the most persistent and complex threats to India's national security. Over the decades, India has confronted diverse forms of terrorism—cross-border militancy in the Jammu, Kashmir, and the Ladakh region, insurgencies in the Northeast, left-wing extremism, and their sophisticated urban terror networks. These threats have evolved gradually with a definite scope, intensity, and operational methods that are motivated by technological innovation, shifting geopolitical realities, and the globalisation of radical and extremist ideologies. Furthermore, the post-9/11 and 26/11 global security environment has reshaped the very nature of these modern terror threats.

In recent years, particularly since 2014, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) came to power under the leadership of Narendra Modi as Prime Minister, India's counter-terrorism strategy has undergone a major transformation. At the same time, India's outreach to the international counter-terrorism platforms has strengthened diplomatic leverage against state-sponsored terrorism, particularly by Pakistan.

However, this transformation in the counterterror strategy has given birth to new and more complex security dilemmas—hybrid warfare tactics. Terrorists and extremist groups are nowadays using digital platforms to spread their vested interests. The regional and international environment further complicates India's security calculus. The geopolitical context, such as the resurgence of the Taliban in Afghanistan recently, has demanded a new anti-terror strategy.

Against this backdrop, the proposed National Conference on “Transforming India's Counter-Terrorism Strategy in the Amritkal: Emerging Trends and Security Dilemmas” seeks to provide a multidisciplinary platform for various stakeholders. The representatives can also be able to critically examine the shifting contours of the terror threat and India's evolving response mechanisms. The conference will evaluate the effectiveness of India's anti-terror measures and identify both execution and policy-level innovative strategies that can enhance its resilience and response capability.

Overall, the conference deliberations are expected to bring positive insights for strengthening India's counter-terrorism strategy in the face of dynamic threats. The multiple perspectives together are expected to bridge the gap between policy formulation, operational execution, and academic research, as well as contribute towards making India more secure and resilient towards new waves of terrorism. The outcomes are also expected to strengthen India's position in the global fight against international terrorism.

THEMES/SUB-THEMES

- Transformation of India's Counter-Terror Framework in the Amritkal
- Historical Evolution of India's Counter-Terrorism Framework and Institutional Architecture
- Technology & Hybrid Threats: Cyber Terrorism & Radicalisation and Counter-Radicalisation Strategies
- Cross-Border Terrorism and Regional Security Architecture
- Intelligence-Sharing/Coordination and Inter-Agency Coordination
- International Cooperation and India's Role in Global Counter-Terrorism Diplomacy
- Pakistan: The Epicentre of International Terrorism

- Return of Taliban in Afghanistan and Terror Threats to India
- Cross-border Terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, Surgical Strikes and Air Strikes
- India's Action on the Transnational Terror Financing Network
- Terrorism as a Political Tool, the Myth of Just and Unjust War
- Pahalgam Terror attack, 'Operation Sindoor', and Afterwards
- Legal Frameworks, Human Rights Concerns, And Accountability
- Women under the Shadow of Terrorism

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

An abstract (200-500 words and including five key words), outlining the theme and research questions should be submitted in Word file format. Authors of shortlisted abstracts will be invited to submit a full paper of about 4000-6000 words (including references). The submission must be original, with a Plagiarism and AI similarity index below 10%.

Abstracts and full papers should be submitted to:
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Fees for Others (non-academic) – INR 1,500

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Submission of Abstract: December 3, 2025 to January 3, 2026

Communication of Acceptance: January 3-4, 2026

Payment of Registration Fee Starts: January 3, 2026

Submission of Full Papers: January 31, 2026

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