

India 2022: Non-Traditional Security Threats

Governance and Politics

As part of a project on India's non-traditional security threats, the Observer Research Foundation is generating a series of scenarios on the basis of answers to this questionnaire. You are invited to provide your judgmental response to questions given below that will help construct those scenarios.

This survey is divided into four themes:

- + ***Government Management***
- + ***Policy & Legal Frameworks***
- + ***Fragmentation of the political sphere***
- + ***Civil-Military Relations***

Your answers will remain anonymous. Please answer only those questions about which you feel comfortable. Leaving a section blank is an acceptable answer. We kindly request that you give your personal views and not those of the organization you are affiliated with.

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6. A void in state mechanisms has already contributed to a number of 'ungovernable spaces' throughout India, the Naxal corridor and parts of the northeast being prominent examples. Do you see these spaces increasing or decreasing in number and scope in the next decade? Where? Why?

7. Do you anticipate that governance will improve or worsen (i.e. in quality, efficiency, and reach) in the next decade? Please explain.

8. In what ways can better management result in better policy implementation?

Section B: *Policy & Legal Framework*

1. As threats to and opportunities for the country change, in what way must the current legal framework evolve? Please prioritize any areas where changes are needed (i.e. terrorism, civil liberties, information access, financial regulation, etc.)

- i. _____
- ii. _____
- iii. _____
- iv. _____
- v. _____
- vi. _____

2. Why have you chosen these priorities?

3. Do you anticipate that these legal adjustments will be made by ensuing governments?

4. What is the key shortcoming of the Indian judicial system?

- i. Backlogs _____
- ii. Personnel _____
- iii. Corruption _____
- iv. Education _____
- v. Other _____

5. What are the main consequences of a weak justice system?

6. How can the legal framework be strengthened?

Section C: *Dynamics of the Political Sphere*

1. Is the political system moving towards bipolarity, multi-party, single-party, or something else?

- a. Bipolarity _____
- b. Multi-party _____
- c. Single-party _____
- d. Other _____

2. Does coalition politics weaken or strengthen the governance system? Is this contingent on the *type* of coalitions? Please explain.

c. What measures can be taken to curb this growth?

7. Center-State relations

a. In light of various drivers (economic liberalization, naxalism, regionalism, nationalism ,etc), how do you see the future of center-state relations?

b. Do you think a further “reorganization” of states is likely?

- i. Yes _____
- ii. No _____

c. What effect would this have on governance and center-state relations?

8. Do you see any other factors that would drive fragmentation (or coalescence) of the political system? (I.e. Coalescence in urban and coastal areas vs. fragmentation from and amongst rural and inland areas). Please identify and prioritize them according to your assessment.

6. What sorts of impacts would this changing balance have on civilian governance?

7. What sorts of impacts would this changing balance have on military effectiveness?