Issues with Indian Internal security

What is the issue?

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Amid growing challenges within, India misses a modern security apparatus, strategic vision and a long-term plan.

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What are internal threats to India?

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- There is long standing insurgency in Jammu and Kashmir.
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- Various secessionist and rebel movements in the North East and Eastern regions.
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- Left wing extremism in red corridor states.
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- Political instability created by non-secular forces.
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- Uprising of the disappointed masses.
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What are the issues with present internal security policies?

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- **No adequate attention to strengthening** the internal security apparatus.
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- Liquidated National Security Advisory Board (NSAB).
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- Ignorance of the government to take ad hoc decisions on crucial matters.
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- No long-term policy for Jammu and Kashmir.
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- No strategic vision to tackle the Maoist insurgency.

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- **SMART police could never take off** because of the indifference of the states.
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What could be done?

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- The US and UK revise their national security doctrines every year and place them in the public domain, India can follow such ideas.
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- British imperialists had one Police Act for the entire country, thus police reforms are need of the hour.
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- There are threats to internal security by the Islamic state; **setting up a National Counter-Terrorism Centre (NCTC)** will help to address the issue.
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- The government need to setup dedicated autonomous bodies to strengthen our northern frontiers.
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- New formula of **SAMADHAN** to tackle the Naxal problems should be framed in a reliable way.
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Quick fact

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National security advisory board

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- The National Security Advisory Board consists of senior retired officials, civilian as well as military, academics and distinguished members of civil society.
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- They are drawn from and having expertise in Internal and External Security, Foreign Affairs, Defence, Science & Technology and Economic Affairs.
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- The NSAB meets at least once a month or more frequently as needed.

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- Its principal function is to undertake long-term analysis of and provide perspectives on issues of national security.
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- Its policy recommendations and options are conveyed to the National Security Council for its consideration.
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