

Terrorism in India and Maharashtra: A Study of the time line of incidences.**Dr.Nishikant C. Dhande**Astt Professor, School of Commerce and Management Science
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Not only the peace in the India gets disturbed because of terrorism activities but also the social fabric and the texture of the diversity have been seen to be put on stake. The details of the status that India faced regarding the terror attacks and the fatalities have been discussed in the paper.

Keywords: Attack, Terrorism, Fatalities.

Introduction:

Though, India as a country has a long history of fighting many enemies, invaders, insurgents, separatist, terrorists and civil conflicts that are spread across different parts of the country. The details of the status that India faced regarding the terror attacks and the fatalities have been shown in the table below.

Table 1.: Year wise fatalities in Terror Attacks in India

Sr. No.	Year	Fatalities	Sr. No.	Year	Fatalities
1	1972	0	22	1997	853
2	1975	4	23	1998	398
3	1976	0	24	1999	469
4	1977	0	25	2000	671
5	1979	31	26	2001	660
6	1980	17	27	2002	599
7	1981	24	28	2003	472
8	1982	64	29	2004	334
9	1983	59	30	2005	466
10	1984	195	31	2006	722
11	1985	51	32	2007	626
12	1986	340	33	2008	824
13	1987	506	34	2009	774
14	1988	966	35	2010	812
15	1989	874	36	2011	499
16	1990	907	37	2012	264
17	1991	1113	38	2013	467
18	1992	1152	39	2014	490

19	1994	389	40	2015	387
20	1995	361	41	2016	467
21	1996	569	42	2017	465

Source: <https://ourworldindata.org/grapher/fatalities-from-terrorism?tab=chart&time=1972..2017&country=IND>

Table No. 2 Location wise Ranking of the Major Terror Attacks 1980 to 2018

Rank	Place/ Location	Number	Explanatory Remarks
1	Religious places	17	All types are the victims to spread fear
2	Railways	12	Comparatively easy to operate target
3	Govt Offices	10	Mainly Courts are targeted
4	Market places	09	Crowd and rush hours are chosen
4	Military & Police	09	To demoralize the force to fight against
5	Public Places gathering	06	Soft target for big impact of propaganda
5	Hotels	06	Mainly international visitors targeted
6	Bus Transports	04	Crowd and rush hours are chosen
7	Air ports	03	Mainly international visitors targeted
8	Institutes	03	Soft target for big impact of propaganda
8	Political gatherings	03	Soft target for big impact of propaganda
9	Cinema Hall	01	Soft target for big impact of propaganda
9	Petrol Pump	01	Comparatively easy to operate target

9	Hospitals	01	Comparatively easy to operate target
	Total Major attacks	85	Places vulnerable for terror attacks

Source: Compiled by the researcher

Terrorism: overview of incidences in Maharashtra.

In today's era of the globalization in the entire world no country is remained immune to the threat of terrorism. Many terrorist incidents have been found to have complex international linkages and connections with translational types of the organized crimes. Terrorism is a observed fact that the terrorist organizations are continuously changing their modus operandi, and thereby adding to the complexity in addressing terrorism effectively. The terror attacks on Mumbai have attracted the most global attention. These attacks were most planned and implemented in most dramatic way as a series of terrorist incidents throughout urban India. The details of the terror attacks have been shown as follows.

Table No. 3 Terrorist attacks in Mumbai:

SN	Date	Type of Attack, place & implications
1	12 March 1993	13 bombs killed 257
2	6 December 2002	Bus bomb in Ghatkopar, killed 2
3	27 January 2003	Bicycle bomb in Vile Parle, killed 1
4	14 March 2003	Train bomb in Mulund, killed 10
5	28 July 2003	Bus bomb in Ghatkopar, killed 4
6	25 August 2003	Two Bombs near the Gateway & Zaveri Bazaar, killed 50
7	11 July 2006	Seven train bombs killed 209
8	26/11/ to 29/11/ 2008	Coordinated series of attacks, killed 172.
9	13 July 2011	Bomb explosions at three locations, killed 26

Source: Compiled by researcher

It can be confirmed that the terrorists have repeatedly chosen Mumbai at a soft target for the

terror attacks to be carried out. It also highlights the vulnerability of the city for the terror attacks. It can therefore be confirmed that Mumbai is strongly a terror attack prone place and hence needs to be considered as a matter of priority in terms of the management of the terror attack preventions in future. The very first point about the terror attacks in Maharashtra is that, the city of Mumbai is on the top as far as the terrorist's group attractions are concerned and secondly the places the terrorists groups choose to execute their plans besides the use of the tools they most favorably choose. The hierarchy is like-

1. The Area in the City
2. The Exact Place
3. The Tool of terror and
4. The Timing.

Findings:

A further detailed analysis of the Mumbai terror attacks reveals more facts related to the pattern of terrorist modus operandi which can be interpreted with the help of the following

The details shown in the table shows that

1. Mumbai has been attacked frequently by the terrorists.
2. The terror attacks were planned at multiple places on same date
3. The attacks were result of the synchronized implementation of the plans
4. Each attack was carefully and systematically planned
5. Very few variation has been seen as the dynamics of the situational issues
6. There was local support for planning and sheltering the attackers
7. All attacks have involved 'raikie' of the location
8. The place, the tools and the timing have been chosen to put maximum loss to the common civilian life, property and national infrastructure including the international reputation and the faith of the public in the government.
9. Though systematically planned some attacks have been foiled due to some or the other reasons as revealed through the interrogation of the involved.

10. The local citizens were very easily accessed and motivated by the terrorists groups.
11. Hence there are many local supporters and sympathizers among the city dwellers.
12. The terror attacks have been managed with complete war proficiency.
13. In all the cases modern weapons, tools and explosives have been used skillfully by the terrorists
14. The bombs and the gun fire have been used as a deadly combination by the terrorists.
15. All terrorists have chosen the 'fidayeen' suicidal way as a choice of attack.

Conclusion:

Not only the peace in the India gets disturbed because of terrorism activities but also the social fabric and the texture of the diversity have been seen to be put on stake. According to the Home Ministry, terrorism in India poses a major hazard to the community of India. Terrorism found in India includes ethno-nationalist terrorism, religious terrorism, left wing terrorism and narco-terrorism.

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