

Measures to deal with them

1. To fight this most important tool of terrorism and proxy war it is important to categorise the OGWs so that separate response strategies can be made for each one of the categories. Although operating as larger network, the OGWs in Kashmir can be broadly categorised under the following heads
 - OGWs for Logistic Support (OGWLS) to Strike teams.
 - OGWs managing Funding (OGWF).
 - OGWs providing Ideological Support (OGWIS).
 - OGWs providing Radicalisation Support (OGWRS).
 - OGWs for Recruitment of Terrorists (OGWR).
 - OGWs generating negative Perceptions and Sentiment amongst the public (OGWPS)
2. **OGWLS and OGWF** are easy to identify as these can be caught in the act during a counter terror operation or by intelligence agencies tracking cyber funding and physical currency as funds for terror
3. **OGWIS, OGWRS and OGWR** can be grouped together for the purpose of response strategies. These workers are omnipresent in all walks of life. Merely picking them up in night raids will only alienate the society further. On the contrary, launching intelligence-based sting operations over a period of time, gathering proof of their damaging activities of recruiting, radicalising or merely pushing the youth into militancy by handing them over guns, will expose them in the eyes of the public
4. The last category is that of **OGWPS** who are the fence sitters and they are just keeping the pot boiling by creating an atmosphere of fear, dejection and helplessness in the youth. An endeavour to change their mind set through Psychological and social rehabilitation as well as strategic communication could be an answer to bring them back into the mainstream.
5. Security agencies and government should **control their social interactions** including digital interactions, especially with local youth and political parties, to control influence.
6. It is necessary to create a **academic system of universities and colleges devoid of such radical ideologies**. If the influence of OGWs is reduced among academicians, there are great chances of dying down of the movement in the future.

The **Perception and Psyche** of the society is the key to the solution of the problem and highest standards of propriety and well thought out strategic communication for the different categories of the OGWs will separate the fish from the pond.

6. UPSC Mains Previous Years' Questions

1. Article 244 of Indian Constitution relates to administration of scheduled areas and tribal areas. Analyze the impact of non-implementation of the provisions of fifth schedule on the growth of Left Wing Extremism.
2. The persisting drives of the government for development of large industries in backward areas have resulted in isolating the tribal population and the farmers who face multiple displacements. With Malkangiri and Naxalbari foci, discuss the corrective strategies needed to win the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) doctrine affected citizens back into mainstream of social and economic growth.
3. The north-eastern region of India has been infested with insurgency for a very long time. Analyze the major reasons for the survival of armed insurgency in this region.
4. Left Wing Extremism (LWE) is showing a downward trend, but still affects many parts of the country. Briefly explain the Government of India's approach to counter the challenges posed by LWE.
5. The banning of 'Jamaat-e - islaami' in Jammu and Kashmir brought into focus the role of over-ground workers (OGWs) in assisting terrorist organizations. Examine the role played by OGWs in assisting terrorist organizations in insurgency affected areas. Discuss measures to neutralize influence of OGWs.