

NATIONAL SECURITY OF INDIA AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

With an aim to have a sound legal and regulatory blue-print to supplement overall efforts for having a comprehensive national security framework, the National Security of India and International Law research project is launched. The project aims to identify and focus only on **legal and regulatory issues, challenges and prospects** inherent in each of the themes instead of covering other areas, such as political science, international relations, strategies, history, doctrines, operations, pure and applied science, etc.

Themes

1. Need for Strategic and Security Culture
2. National Security Strategies and Approaches: Continuity and Changes
3. Use of Force and Self-Defense – Planning, Processes and Preparedness - A Need of the Hour
4. Law of Foreign and National Intelligence
5. International Terrorism: Legal Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Challenges for India
6. Cyber Law and Warfare: Single-Most Challenge to IT Superpower
7. Arms Control and Disarmament: Protecting and Promoting Interests and Needs of India
8. Aerospace and Defense Manufacturing: Realising Make In India Vision through best legal and regulatory practices from foreign countries and adapting to the Indian environment
9. Law of the Sea: Challenges for the Central Player of the Indian Ocean
10. War-Crimes Tribunals and India
11. National Security and Immigration and Refugees Issues
12. Use of Economic Sanctions and Protection and Promotion of National Security
13. Outer Space Programs in the overall framework of National Security
14. Environmental Security: Strategic Security Approach Missing
15. United Nations as an aiding or constraining factor in protection and promotion of national security
16. Food Security: Need for Strategic Approaches and Mechanisms
17. Water Security: Preventing Future Wars in South Asia and Achieving Sustainable Development – Does current international law framework provide enabling or disrupting environment?
18. Energy Security: Reduction from 70% to below 50% reliance on foreign sources for energy security
19. Overseas Development Assistance by India in the overall framework of National Security

20. Regional Groupings and Organisations as Avenues for Enablers of Comprehensive National Security
21. Lawfare - Use of Uncharted Territory to Promote National Security
22. National Security: Role of Lawyers and Judiciary
23. Freedom of Expression and National Security
24. Limitations of Rights based approach when the individual or collective rights, are likely to be misused or abused by a small group against a larger sections of people
25. Sedition Laws and Practice: Individuals and Institutions
26. Independent Agency to Plan, Execute and Monitor Critical National Security Infrastructure along the Borders – Experiences and Recommendations

Major Questions

1. Whether current international and national law mechanisms, actors and institutions are adequately addressing India national security needs, concerns and interest?
2. What role has been India playing to protect and promote its national security interests?
3. What Legally and Regulatory Actionable Agenda should India promote at bilateral, regional and multilateral levels?
4. Which legal and regulatory challenges India should be aware of at this stage?
5. Which legal and regulatory models are utilisable and why?
6. Recommendations: Time-bound recommendations identifying or suggesting follow-up by concerned stakeholders

Chapter size: Maximum 5000 words

Timeline: 30 August 2017

Seminar: A seminar to share the observations and recommendations will be organised in the September / October 2017. The final manuscript will be submitted for publication.

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