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In the series of Guest Lectures organised by CENJOWS, a pertinent lecture on **“Handling Internal Security Situation in J & K and the North East in a Theaterized Environment”** was organised by CENJOWS and conducted by Lt Gen SA Hasnain, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM** (Retd). It was a challenge to analyze the likely CI/CT situations in J&K and North East in a theaterized environment specially when the contours of theaterization are in the process of getting evolved. The speaker still comprehensively highlighted the issue of change in dynamics with respect to the CI/CT environment post theaterization. The speaker brought out that till now no literature is available with respect to handling IS situation in a theaterized environment even with countries like US which has the Command Structure in place and operated in IS situation in Afghanistan and elsewhere. The speaker highlighted as to how the war fighting in Afghanistan was different from J &K and North East. He also highlighted that Indian approach has been human centric due to which the situation has improved substantially.

The speaker eluded that CI/CT is an issue which requires political resolution and presently the role of Army is like holding the periphery which needs to be revisited again. He highlighted that the role of Army for holding the periphery is a concept of the British Army and it is important to take a call now if we need to follow the same model and dilute the present presence of the Armed Forces. The speaker also highlighted that the present situation in J&K is in conflict stabilization stage but highlighted that it is not at conflict termination stage. However, when it comes to North East, the present situation is in conflict re-initiating stage. The speaker highlighted that there is a need to redefine the role of the defence forces keeping the present situation in mind.

The speaker further highlighted that the Defence Forces would have meaningful role in the conflict initiation and stabilization stage. He highlighted that the role of field Army is very important. However, he did elude the advantage of theaterization which will result in more proactive handling of psychological and information operations as the resources

will be and substantial could be better utilized. The speaker also highlighted the role of technology which can be leveraged for information gathering. However, the speaker did highlight that the location of the theatre command will have implication on the handling of the CI/CT environment whether it is for J&K or North East.

The speaker also highlighted the role of air power which in our CI/CT grid is limited especially with CAPF and therefore the provisioning of these air resources for the CI/CT grid will have to be revisited to empower the CAPF. The speaker did highlight the role of Assam Rifles in the North East CI/CT grid and eluded that Assam Rifles would be a pertinent force for the CI/CT in North East and command & control structure of Assam Rifles could be revisited after theateriation. The speaker finally concluded by saying that the situation in J&K has improved substantially but is not in the conflict termination stage and therefore there is a need to clearly understand that we may not dilute the presence of the Defence Forces. The interaction was followed by the question-and-answer session from the virtual and physical attendees, seeking views of the speaker on the CI/CT linkages of Pakistan. The questions also included the role of AI in the CI/CT environment and all these were appropriately answered by the speaker.