

# Building Secure Cities for Economic Prosperity & Growth

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In the context of Terrorist Attacks in London, Madrid & Mumbai, there is a need to review the Framework of security for Metropolitan Cities. This framework can be viewed from multiple Perspectives :

- A. CIVIL ADMINISTRATION & POLICE AUTHORITY'S PERSPECTIVE
- B. TOP CORPORATE MANAGEMENT'S PERSPECTIVE
- C. LOCALITY RESIDENTS' PERSPECTIVE
- D. HOUSEHOLDER'S PERSPECTIVE
- E. MUNICIPAL CORPORATION'S PERSPECTIVE
- F. CITIZENS' PERSPECTIVE
- G. MEDIA'S PERSPECTIVE

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## A. CIVIL ADMINISTRATION & POLICE AUTHORITY'S PERSPECTIVE: CRITICAL QUESTIONS

- How to foster confidence in the general public ?
- How to use Home Guards, National Cadet Corps, Resident Welfare Associations & Municipal Functionaries in mock Security Drills ?
- How to coordinate between multiple stakeholders in the event of Terrorist-Strike on a Corporate Offices' Area, Commercial Area or Industrial Area ?
- How to coordinate Public inflow/outflow during Terrorist Strike at public venues viz. Rly. Station, Bus Terminal etc.?  
Features of Police Traffic Helpline & Service?

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## B. TOP CORPORATE MANAGEMENT'S PERSPECTIVE:

- How to develop an internal Corporate Security Network amongst Companies ?
- How to secure swift Police Verification of new entrants to Companies ?
- How to upgrade the Security Preparedness at Corporate sites ?
- How to contribute to better security surveillance through production/sale or Purchase/Installation of better security equipment ?
- How to develop an effective working relationship with Police and Municipal Authorities ?

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## C. LOCALITY RESIDENTS' PERSPECTIVE

- What role does the Police & Municipal Authorities expect from RWAs ?
- What kind of coordination is required amongst Residents in the event of Terrorist Strike & immediately thereafter ?
- How can Residents get swift Police Verification of domestic servants, maids, watch keepers, drivers and allied staff ?
- What kind of networking is required amongst RWAs of a given Municipal Ward or adjacent Wards ?
- Are Security Drills required in Residency Areas ?

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## D. HOUSEHOLDER'S PERSPECTIVE

- What kind of coordination is required between Parents and School Authorities ?
- In the event of a Terrorist Strike on a School or in an area where the School is located, how are children to be evacuated and how will parents secure access to their children ?
- In the event of a Terrorist Strike in an area where wife/husband is working, how will one spouse secure access to his/her partner ?
- Do students in a given School or children staying in a given locality along with their parents need to be educated about various Do's and Don'ts in the context of preparedness for a Terrorist Strike ?

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## E. MUNICIPAL CORPORATION'S PERSPECTIVE

- What specific role is expected both in preparedness for a Terrorist Strike and during an Incident from the Mayor, Municipal Commissioners, Councilors & Ward Functionaries ?
- What Critical Operational Level of Basic Services such as Electricity, Water Supply and Solid Waste Management is essential during a Terrorist Strike & immediately thereafter ?
- What kind of Red Alert System is required to inform all Hospitals during a Terrorist Strike to keep their Emergency /Trauma Wards in state of high preparedness ? How to institutionalize Medical Preparedness Drill?
- What nature of Services should be provided by a Municipal Helpline during a Terror Strike & immediately thereafter ?

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## F. CITIZENS' PERSPECTIVE

- What role can NGOs play in Preparedness, Mitigation and Relief in the context of Terrorist Strikes ?
- Critical Responsibilities of each Citizen towards Security Preparedness and Mitigation ?
- Legitimate expectations of Citizens from the Civil & Police Administration ?
- What could serve as a Dynamic Model for Citizen-Administration Coordination with appropriate roles and responsibilities being assigned to Civic Leaders, Municipal Functionaries & Citizens/NGOs on the one hand and Civil Administration, Police & Para Military Forces and the Judiciary on the other hand.

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### G. Media's Perspective

- Blueprint of Media Guidelines to be issued by I&B Ministry & implemented on self-disciplined basis for Terror Incident?
- Institutional basis for regular Administration-Media Briefings during & immediately after Terror Strike?
- Consensus amongst Media Companies about restrained use of Breaking News?
- Restraint in giving communal flavor to potential Terror Incident?
- Role of Media in providing Authentic Information to Public in context of Terror Strike?

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## Conclusion

- Process Perspective examining the level of advance Preparedness, Mitigation during a given Crisis and relief as well as rehabilitation in the aftermath of the Crisis.
- Examining the Expectations of all stakeholders as well as their Responsibilities in the context of case studies.
- Nature of Coordinative Frameworks which are required for bilateral and multilateral relationship amongst Stakeholders.
- How does the Civil Administration, Security Establishment and Civil Society, in coordination with each other, show their resolve, preparedness and effective engagement with Terrorists and their organizations that Cities become truly secure.

# Expert



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but I'm happy to give you my expert opinion."