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India's Internal Security Culture: The insurgencies in Punjab and Andhra Pradesh and the 'right mix' of coercive and remedial policies

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In the research field on counter-insurgency (COIN) in India, two basic approaches are being pursued. One sees Indian COIN as perpetual trial & error, the other ascertains persisting patterns based on the *upayas* cluster of remedial and coercive measures. In pursuing the latter approach, the use, mis-use and 'right mix' of the *upayas* for COIN and conflict resolution are being empirically investigated in an ongoing research project on the insurgencies in Punjab and Andhra Pradesh.



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