

The Impact of India's Centre-State Relations on its Maritime Counter-Terrorism Strategy

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Abstract : Centre-state relations in India are a fascinating area of studies. The structure of the relationship has an effect on every single aspect of life as we know it in India. This paper is an attempt to study centre-state relations in the context of India's maritime counter-terrorism strategy. Although the Government of India has not publicly stated its counter-terrorism strategy on the sea; intelligence, information sharing, crisis response, finances for internal security and the nation's legislation for battling terrorism together comprise of India's maritime-terrorism strategy. Through study of these areas, the paper argues that the centre-state divide has had systemic implications on India's maritime security and has largely done more harm than good to collective initiatives that aspire to prevent future risk of terrorism from the sea or on the sea.

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