

Socio-Economic & Political Scenario

Political scenario

Naxalism (Maoist insurgency) and Political rivalry and crisis are two important aspects of the current political scenario. From media's perspective, both are key issues affecting large parts of the country.

Naxal (Maoist) problem

While Communist parties' influence remains limited to three states – West Bengal, Kerala and Tripura, the ultra-left impact has spread wide.

Ideologues take inspiration from Naxalbari's armed uprising of the 60s.

Objective is to overthrow Government of India.

Impact over tribals

Poor, landless, tribals and farmers brought under Maoist influence.

Instigated to attack police and security forces, destroy schools & govt. property.

Frequency of attacks increasing with a rising toll.

Sympathetic media?

Some elements in media feel issues of human and individual rights are bypassed when discussing the problem.

Western media also tends to be sympathetic with the insurgents.

Caution and objectivity are key factors.

Political crisis

In a multi-party democracy political rivalry and crisis are a part of life.

Winning the election is the ultimate prize therefore appeasement of voters is also inevitable.

All media writing on political issues takes clues from political rivalry.

Media perspective

During times of a political crisis, media must clear the air and look for solutions.

Exchange of information becomes vital in times of crisis.

Objectivity and neutrality expected from the media.

Social scenario

Whatever the nature and extent of social problems, the media has a role to play in creating awareness. Journalists have to come face to face with social issues at every stage.

Social issues always make news.