

Q. The North-eastern region of India has been infested with insurgency for a very long time. Analyze the major reasons for the survival of armed insurgency in this region. (10m)

North Eastern states are crown jewel of the country as said by the PM of India - Narendra Modi.

Reasons for Insurgency in North-east

- ① Boundary with other countries.
 - 99% of the north-eastern state boundaries side with other nations like China, Bhutan, Myanmar, Bangladesh
- ② ethnic conflicts - major reason.
 - eg- Manipur - put, Meiti & Naga conflicts
- ③ Insurgent violent groups - used weapons
 - to enforce their legitimacy
 - eg- ULFA
- ④ Development Deficit - less development in the region led to people feel alienated

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The quote does not frame why armed insurgency survives.
Alternate introduction: Armed insurgency persists in the North East because identity-based grievances combine with porous borders, uneven development and weak state reach.

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Write more specifically: Explain that porous international borders enable camps, arms trafficking, training and escape routes for insurgent groups.

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Correctly identifies identity-based conflict as an important driver of armed mobilisation.

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Provides a valid grievance-to-insurgency link. A relevant causal link between deprivation and insurgency is stated.

④ Lack of economic opportunities

→ to earning only on subsistence
led them to indebtedness and later
join armed groups.

⑤ Refugee infiltration - Bangladesh:
refugees in Assam, Myanmar return
in manipal.

⑥ Distortion of cultural values - Fear
led them to use weapons to
enforce it to others.

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Clearly connects livelihood insecurity with recruitment.

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Relevant pressure, but its mechanism sustaining armed groups is not explained.

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The response ends abruptly without synthesising the reasons for insurgency's survival.

Alternate conclusion: Thus, insurgency survives through the interaction of unresolved identity grievances and enabling conditions such as border insecurity, underdevelopment and weak governance.