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Bioterrorism-Are We Prepared?: A Current National Perspective

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Abstract

Warfare by biological agents is an age old technique for mass calamity to an enemy civilization. Periodically, it has been flashing its presence in world map either by scattered sporadic incidences or wide spread impact. In the current scenario of our national diplomatic situation of unfriendly relationships with external & internal agencies, it is important that we review our status regarding this inhuman type of terrorism or proxy-war. This article addresses the fundamental aspects of bioterrorism in current national perspective like recent national and international incidences, possible types of microbes and modes of transmission used for attacks, how to diagnose a bioterrorism attack, available defense resources in India for management, current legal provisions and suggestions for future plans.

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Bioterrorism, Biological weapons, Microbial forensics, Defense.

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