



## Growth as Strategy



Growth is already a moral imperative for India, given that it is necessary to lift millions out of poverty. It is also a strategic imperative. The benign international environment today is a result of economic growth, which changed global perceptions and cleared the way for better diplomatic relations. An economic slowdown now weakens the roots of the Indian state's power. Foreign policy will have to confront bigger problems with fewer options.



## **Threats beyond terrorism**

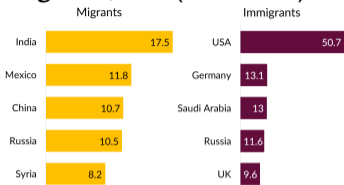
Intelligence agencies like R&AW need to adapt to rapid shifts in technology to protect against newer threats: digital honeytraps, AI-enabled misinformation & deep fakes. It needs to train its workforce to harness technology and work with OSINT experts & other govt agencies.

## **First Use is Useless**

The govt is coming out with a new national security strategy soon. If it wants to be able to threaten Pakistan with military retaliation after a terrorist attack, it had better stick to its nuclear no first use policy. Pakistan's threat of battlefield nukes is bluster: a No First Use stance reduces nuclear risks and gives India greater military and diplomatic space for action.



# Top Destinations & Sources for Migrants, 2019 (in millions)



*India has been the largest source of migrants since 2015*

(Source: UNDESA)

## Parting shot:

% of male vs female watchers of:  
(age 20-24 in India)

Television: 63.78 vs 64

Movies: 34.03 vs 11.46

Young women are far less present in public spaces like theatres than young men - likely due to social norms.

(Source: Livemint/National Family Health Survey)

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