Preface

The present study is an attempt to look into the geostrategic analysis of the phenomena of terrorism more specifically to that of Pakistan-sponsored one in Kashmir, Punjab & Xinjiang along with all its factors and features, it is because Pakistan ambition being to export the version of Islam to Kashmir, Central Asia and Xinjiang in a way of exerting their authority. Pakistan is using Islam to gain power and political influence in the region, to gain economic and strategic advantage in the oil rich area, to ensure a government that is puppet in the hands of Islamabad. It also wants to interlink the terrorist organisations and secessionist elements of Kashmir, Punjab and Xinjiang. The strategic importance of these regions Punjab, Kashmir and Xinjiang is viewed in terms of dimension of space, time and national vantage points.

Today, terrorism is not confined to a single state or country but it is spread in every bit and corner of the world. There is hardly any country in the world, which has escaped from this menace. In today’s world terrorism have become a global phenomena. All states are using terrorism either in covert or overt form in order to achieve their foreign policy or political goals. Till date, not a single definition of terrorism has come which is acceptable to all nations of the world. The states are providing all facilities to these terrorists in the form of training, weapons, camps and financial assistance.

Pakistan is involved or sponsoring terrorism in Kashmir, Punjab and Xinjiang in order to achieve its geostrategic motives. The Xinjiang region is experiencing an Islamic revival as a rallying point for cultural identity makes the region even more attractive for Pakistan. In order to increase its economic and political role in these regions, it views these regions as territorial enticement to realise its quest for strategic depth, it wants to encompass Muslim population of Xinjiang and Kashmir in to a stream of Islamisation. Pakistan ambition of becoming a leader of the Islamic world. In order to fulfill its motives and objectives it is using the Islamic card and focusing on the security, strategic and winning friends in the region. Pakistan is supporting religious fundamentalists, political extremists, international terrorism and armed subversion. The long aim is to arouse the religious and nationalists passion of majority of Muslims in these regions.

Based on these premises, the entire work has been divided in to six chapters.
The first chapter deals with the concept of terrorism and related factors. This chapter has focused on the definition and concept of terrorism and state-sponsored terrorism. What is the history of terrorism, how UN body defined it and how states perception differs while defining terrorism and state-sponsored terrorism.

Second chapter investigates the historico-geographical background of Punjab, Kashmir and Xinjiang region. It investigates the factors that inspire Pakistan to sponsor terrorism in these provinces. It focused on Pakistan and its population & what similarities and dissimilarities the population is having with these provinces. What historical and geographical factors inspire Pakistan to sponsored terrorist activities across its borders.

Third chapter investigates the impact of terrorism on India and China, be it in context of defence and security, political stability, territorial integrity, government institutions, culture and values, burden on their resources, ethnic diversity, social and economic infrastructure and overall social fabric of the nation and society.

Fourth chapter investigates the terror tactics or modus operandi adopted by Pakistan in Kashmir, Punjab and Xinjiang region. Pakistan is supporting religious fundamentalists, extremists; arouse religious passions, regionalism, Islamic card, armed subversion, sending fanatical terrorist groups, providing them funds, arms and training, infrastructure for recruitment, sophisticated weapons & communication network, providing popular and moral support and sanctuary.

Fifth chapter has critically evaluated the geostrategic approach adopted by Pakistan in order to fulfill its objectives and political goals. Pakistan objective is to acquire a strategic base in the region and it is sponsoring terrorism to gain power and influence in Kashmir, Punjab and Xinjiang. It wants to expand its strategic frontiers and want to interlink the terrorist organizations and secessionist elements of Kashmir, Punjab and Xinjiang.

The last chapter is the conclusion, which is a consolidated finding of all the chapters. The main emphasis is on Pakistan’s geostrategic objectives and it is supporting and sponsoring terrorism to fulfill its motives and political goals. Pakistan’s ISI is using Islam to legitimize its aggressive designs. Its hidden ambition is to exert authority over Kashmir, Xinjiang and Central Asian states. Pakistan and Afghanistan have become the
main launching pads for militant Islam. In order to complete this thesis, data was collected from various ministries, institutes and libraries, documents and reports were also collected from various sources. It is due to hard work, determination, and sincere efforts that the present study has come out in the shape of thesis.