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## Centre Approves Proposal to Provide Houses Under PMGAY

### Why in News?

The Chhattisgarh government announced that the Centre has approved its proposal to provide 15,000 houses under the **Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awas Yojana**. These houses will be allocated to surrendered **Naxalites** and individuals affected by Naxal violence as part of the welfare initiative.

# LEFT WING EXTREMISM

### ABOUT

- 🕒 **Originated:** 1967 uprising in Naxalbari, West Bengal
- 🎯 **Aim:** Societal and political change through revolutionary methods

### IDEOLOGY

- 🕒 Overthrow central government through armed revolution (Violence and guerilla warfare)
- 🕒 Establishment of a communist state based on Maoist principles

### FACTORS RESPONSIBLE

- 🕒 **Massive displacement of tribal population;** Due to development projects, mining operations
- 🕒 **Tribal dissatisfaction;** Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 prohibits tribes from harvesting forest resources
- 🕒 **Poverty and lack of sustainable means;** Driving factors for joining Naxalite movement
- 🕒 **Lack of effective governance;** Insufficient technical intelligence against Naxalism

### STATES AFFECTED BY LWE

- 🕒 **Red Corridor:** Experiences severe Naxalism–Maoist insurgency
- 🕒 Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Bihar, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Kerala

### GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES TO CURB LWE

- 🕒 National Policy and Action Plan to address Left Wing Extremism 2015
- 🕒 **SAMADHAN Doctrine**
  - 🕒 **S-** Smart Leadership
  - 🕒 **A-** Aggressive Strategy
  - 🕒 **M-** Motivation and Training
  - 🕒 **A-** Actionable Intelligence
  - 🕒 **D-** Dashboard Based KPIs (Key Performance Indicators) and KRAs (Key Result Areas)
  - 🕒 **H-** Harnessing Technology
  - 🕒 **A-** Action plan for each Theatre
  - 🕒 **N-** No access to Financing
- 🕒 **Special Central Assistance (SCA)** in Public Infrastructure and Services
- 🕒 **Operation Green Hunt**
- 🕒 **Greyhounds** (Elite commando force in Andhra Pradesh)
- 🕒 **Bastariya Battalion** (local recruits in Chhattisgarh who know the language and terrain that could generate intelligence and conduct operations)

### A map of India's Maoist conflict

A crackdown on Maoist rebels has led to a rise in the number of casualties in the country's tribal areas. Here are the regions that are most affected.

#### Countering Naxalism - Bandyopadhyay Committee (2006)

- Highlighted the lack of governance, economic, socio-political and cultural discrimination against the tribals
- Recommended tribal-friendly land acquisition and rehabilitation

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- It is emphasized that the scheme aims to **include families excluded from the Socio-Economic Caste Census 2011 and Awas Plus 2018 lists.**

### Key Points

- **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G)**
  - **About:**
    - **Launched in 2016**, the PMAY-G aims to **provide housing for the poorest segments** of society.
    - The selection of beneficiaries involves a thorough **three-stage validation process**, including the **Socio-Economic Caste Census 2011, Gram Sabha approvals, and geo-tagging**, ensuring that aid reaches the most deserving individuals.
- **Under PMAY-G Beneficiaries Receive:**
  - **Financial Assistance:** Rs 1.20 lakh in plain areas and Rs 1.30 lakh in hilly states, including northeastern states and union territories.
  - **Additional Support for Toilets:** Rs 12,000 for constructing toilets through convergence with schemes like **Swachh Bharat Mission – Gramin (SBM-G)** or **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS)** or any other dedicated source of funding.
  - **Employment Support:** Mandatory provision of 90/95 person-days of unskilled wage employment for beneficiaries through **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)** for house construction.
  - **Basic Amenities:** Access to water, **Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG)**, and electricity connections through convergence with relevant schemes.

### Naxalism

- It **originated as rebellion against local landlords** who bashed a peasant over a land dispute.
  - The rebellion was **initiated in 1967**, with an objective of rightful redistribution of the land to working peasants under the leadership of **Kanu Sanyal and Jagan Santhal.**
- **Started in West Bengal**, the movement has spread across Eastern India; in less developed areas of states such as **Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh.**
- It is considered that Naxals support Maoist political sentiments and ideology.

- **Maoism** is a form of communism developed by **Mao Tse Tung.**
- It is a **doctrine to capture State power** through a combination of armed insurgency, mass mobilization and strategic alliances.

## Maoists Encounter in Chhattisgarh

### Why in News?

Recently, Seven **Maoists** were killed in a gun battle with security forces in **Abujhmad forests** along the **Dantewada-Narayanpur border** in Chhattisgarh.

### Key Points

- **Major Anti-Maoist Operation:**
  - **Forces Involved:** The operation was executed by the **District Reserve Guard (DRG)** from Kondagaon, Bastar, Narayanpur, and Dantewada, along with the **State's Special Task Force (STF)** and the **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).**
  - **Focus Area:** The operation targeted **Abujhmad, a dense forested region covering Bijapur, Dantewada, and Narayanpur districts**, known for Maoist activity.
    - In October 2024, Abujhmad witnessed the largest-ever encounter in Chhattisgarh's history, resulting in the deaths of 38 Maoists.
  - **Recovered Items:** A **large cache of weapons and daily-use items was seized**, while no casualties were reported among the security forces.
  - **Yearly Progress:** Police records show that since 13th December 2023, **217 Maoists have been killed in Bastar**, nearly half in Abujhmad under the **Maad Bachao Aandolan (Save Maad Campaign).**

### District Reserve Guard (DRG)

- The District Reserve Guard (DRG) is a **specialized police unit in Chhattisgarh, established in 2008** to combat **Maoist violence.**
- It consists of **specially trained personnel operating in affected districts**, conducting anti-Maoist operations, **search and seizure, and gathering intelligence.**
- The DRG collaborates with other security forces, like the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), to counter the Maoist insurgency.

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## Chhattisgarh Tops in Forest and Tree Cover Growth: ISFR

### Why in News?

Recently, **Chhattisgarh** has emerged as the **top state in combined forest and tree cover growth** according to the **Indian Forest Survey Report (ISFR) 2023**.

### Key Points

- **Chhattisgarh's Forest and Tree Cover Growth:**
- Chhattisgarh has emerged as the **top state in combined forest and tree cover growth** according to the **Indian Forest Survey Report (ISFR) 2023**.
- Chhattisgarh saw an increase of **94.75 sq km** in **forest cover**, bringing its total forest area to **55,811.75 sq km**.
- The state recorded a total increase of **684 sq km** in **forest and tree cover**, the highest among all Indian states.
- Chhattisgarh's **combined forest and tree cover (55,812 sq km)** is the **third-largest** in the country after **Madhya Pradesh and Arunachal Pradesh**, with a significant increase in both forest and tree areas.

### Key Findings from ISFR 2023

- **Total Forest and Tree Cover:**
  - India's total forest and tree cover stands at **8,27,357 sq km**, which is **25.17% of the country's geographical area**.
  - The total forest and tree cover in India includes **7,15,343 sq km** of **forest cover** (21.76% of the total geographical area) and **1,12,014 sq km** of **tree cover** (3.41% of the total geographical area).
- **Top States in Forest and Tree Cover Growth:**
  - **Chhattisgarh:** Increased forest and tree cover by **684 sq km**.
  - **Uttar Pradesh:** Increased cover by **559 sq km**.
  - **Odisha:** Increased cover by **559 sq km**.
  - **Rajasthan:** Increased cover by **394 sq km**.
- **States with Largest Forest and Tree Cover:**
  - **Madhya Pradesh:** Largest total cover at **85,724 sq km**.
  - **Arunachal Pradesh:** Second-largest cover at **67,083 sq km**.
  - **Maharashtra:** Third-largest cover at **65,383 sq km**.
- **States with Largest Forest Cover:**
  - **Madhya Pradesh:** **77,073 sq km**.
  - **Arunachal Pradesh:** **65,882 sq km**.
  - **Chhattisgarh:** **55,812 sq km**.

## Chhattisgarh Railway Station Renovated

### Why in News?

Recently, the **136-year-old historic Bhilai railway station** underwent renovation under the **Amrit Bharat Station Yojna** launched by the centre to modernise railway stations.

### Key Points

- **Historic Bhilai Railway Station Renovated:**
  - The 136-year-old Bhilai railway station in **Durg district, built in 1888**, has been renovated to **enhance passenger experience**.

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- The station now features **cleanliness improvements**, an **air-conditioned (AC) waiting hall**, and **covered sheds** at new platforms to protect passengers from rain and sun.
- Additional amenities include raised ceilings for a spacious feel, improved lighting, and **e-ATM machines** for ticket purchases and train information.
- Entrances have been revamped, ensuring **easier access, enhanced aesthetics, and better facilities for passengers**.

### Amrit Bharat Stations Scheme

#### ➤ **About:**

- The Amrit Bharat Station Scheme aims to redevelop 1309 stations nationwide.
- The redevelopment will provide **modern passenger amenities** along with ensuring well-designed traffic circulation, inter-modal integration, and signage for the guidance of passengers.
- The Scheme was **launched in February 2023 by the Ministry of Railways**.

#### ➤ **Station-wise Plans:**

- The station buildings' designs will be inspired by **local culture, heritage, and architecture**.
  - For instance, the Jaipur Railway Station will feature elements resembling the **Hawa Mahal** and **Amer Fort** from Rajasthan.

#### ➤ **Integrated Approach to Urban Development:**

- The redevelopment is planned with a **holistic approach to urban development**, treating the stations as **"City Centres."**
- This approach aims to integrate **both sides of the city and create well-designed traffic circulation**, inter-modal connectivity, and clear signage for passengers' guidance.



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## **Key Points**

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