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## Seven Maoists Killed in Bijapur | Chhattisgarh | 25 May 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, seven [Maoists](#) were killed in an encounter with security forces on the **inter-district border of Narayanpur and Bijapur districts** in Chhattisgarh.

### Key Points

- The encounter took place in the jurisdiction of Barsur police station in Dantewada just 10 kilometers inside Abujhmad forest area.
- The force of around 1,000 personnel consisted of **Bastar Fighters** and [District Reserve Guards \(DRG\)](#) with teams of **Special Task Force (STF)**.

### Naxalism in India

- The term Naxalism derives its name from the village **Naxalbari of West Bengal**.
- 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.

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