

Swami Vivekananda National Football Championship | Chhattisgarh | 20 May 2024

Why in News?

Recently, the <u>Swami Vivekananda</u> **U-20 Men's National Football Championships** quarter finals were held at the **Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama Ground, Narainpur, Chhattisgarh.**

Key Points

- Assam loses the quarter finals of the Football Championships to Mizoram. A total of 32 states participated in the championship.
- All India Football Federation (AIFF) announced the Swami Vivekananda U20 National Football Championship in April 2024.
 - Apart from the newly introduced U20 championship, the AIFF also holds two other men's age group competitions, the Junior NFC and the Sub-Junior NFC.

All India Football Federation (AIFF)

- The AIFF is the organization that manages the game of association football in India.
- It administers the running of the India national football team and also controls the I-League, India's premier domestic club competition, in addition to various other competitions and teams.
- The AIFF was founded in 1937, and gained FIFA affiliation in the year 1948, after India's independence in 1947.
- Currently, it has an office in Dwarka, New Delhi. India was one of the founding members of the Asian Football Confederation in 1954.

Naxalite killed in Encounter | Chhattisgarh | 20 May 2024

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Recently, a <u>Naxalite</u> was killed in an exchange of fire with security personnel in **Chhattisgarh's Sukma** district.

Key Points

- The gunfight took place in the morning on a forested hill between Tolnai and Tetrai villages when a team of security personnel was out on an **anti-Naxal operation**.
- With this incident, 105 Naxalites have been killed so far in 2024 in separate encounters with security forces in Chhattisgarh.

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.

