



Singhbhum Recorded the Highest Voter Turnout | Jharkhand | 15 May 2024

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In the first round of polling in Jharkhand, **Singhbhum recorded the highest voter turnout** at 63.14%.

Key Points

- Singhbhum was followed by Khunti with 62.82%, Lohardaga with 62.60%, and Palamu with 59.99%.
 - In Rengdahatu, Murmura, Tensara, and Siamba, polling booths were established alongside an intensive anti-Maoist operation and the setup of **CRPF camps**.
- The effectiveness of **anti-Maoists campaigns** is evident as numerous villages have local polling booths for the first time in two decades, leading to high voter turnouts.
- Despite improvement in the situation, West Singhbhum remains one of the worst [left-wing extremism](#)-affected districts of the country. It had also witnessed 46 **Maoist**-related incidents resulting in **22 deaths in 2023**.
 - **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**.

Left Wing Extremism (LWE)

- Also known as left-wing extremism or radical left-wing movements, refers to political ideologies and groups that advocate for significant **societal and political change through revolutionary means**.
- LWE groups may target **government institutions, law enforcement agencies**, or private property to further their agenda.
- The LWE movement in India originated in a **1967 uprising in Naxalbari, West Bengal**.