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## Naxal Issue Confined | Jharkhand | 11 Jun 2024

### Why in News?

According to the [Director General of Police \(DGP\)](#), the joint attacks on [Naxalites](#) in Jharkhand have contained their operations to just 5 out of the total 24 districts, with **Chaibasa facing the most impact**.

### Key Points

- **Naxalism 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.
- Efforts are currently in place to combat [drug trafficking](#), leading to the apprehension of drug peddlers and significant seizures of opium under the the [Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances \(NDPS\) Act, 1985](#).

### Drug Trafficking

- Drug trafficking refers to the **illegal trade involving the cultivation**, manufacture, distribution, and sale of illicit drugs.
- It encompasses a **wide range of activities associated with the illegal drug trade**, including the production of drugs such as **cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, and synthetic drugs**, as well as the transportation and distribution of these substances.
- Drug trafficking **operates within a complex network of criminal organisations** that span across borders, regions, and even continents.

### The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985

- It prohibits a person from **producing, possessing, selling, purchasing, transporting**, storing, and/or consuming any narcotic drug or psychotropic substance.
- **The National Fund for Control of Drug Abuse was** also created under a provision of the NDPS Act, 1985, to meet the expenditure incurred in the implementation of the Act.