



Naxal's Encounter in Chhattisgarh | Chhattisgarh | 18 Jun 2024

Why in News?

Recently, six naxalites were killed in an encounter with security personnel in **Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur district**.

- The operation targeted Naxalites in forests near **Kutul-Farasbeda** and **Kodtameta villages**.

Key Points

- Those naxalites belonged to the **People's Liberation Guerrilla Army (PLGA)**.
 - **PLGA** serves as the armed wing of the Communist Party of India (Maoist), a banned political organisation in India.
 - The group seeks to overthrow the government through a prolonged people's war.
- This marks the second major success of the **"Maad Bachao Abhiyan" (anti-Naxalite operation)** by Narayanpur police within a week.
- The operation has contributed to reducing violence and fear in the **Abhujmaad region**, which had been affected by Naxal violence for 40 years.
- The operation involved personnel from the **state police's District Reserve Guard**, [Special Task Force \(STF\)](#), [Indo-Tibetan Border Police](#), and [Border Security Force](#).
- Women commandos also played a crucial role in the operation.

Red Corridor

- The **Red Corridor** is the region in the **central, eastern** and **southern** parts of India that experience severe [Naxalism-Maoist insurgency](#).
- The **States of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Bihar, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh** and **Kerala** are considered [Left Wing Extremism \(LWE\)](#) affected.

Border Security Force (BSF)

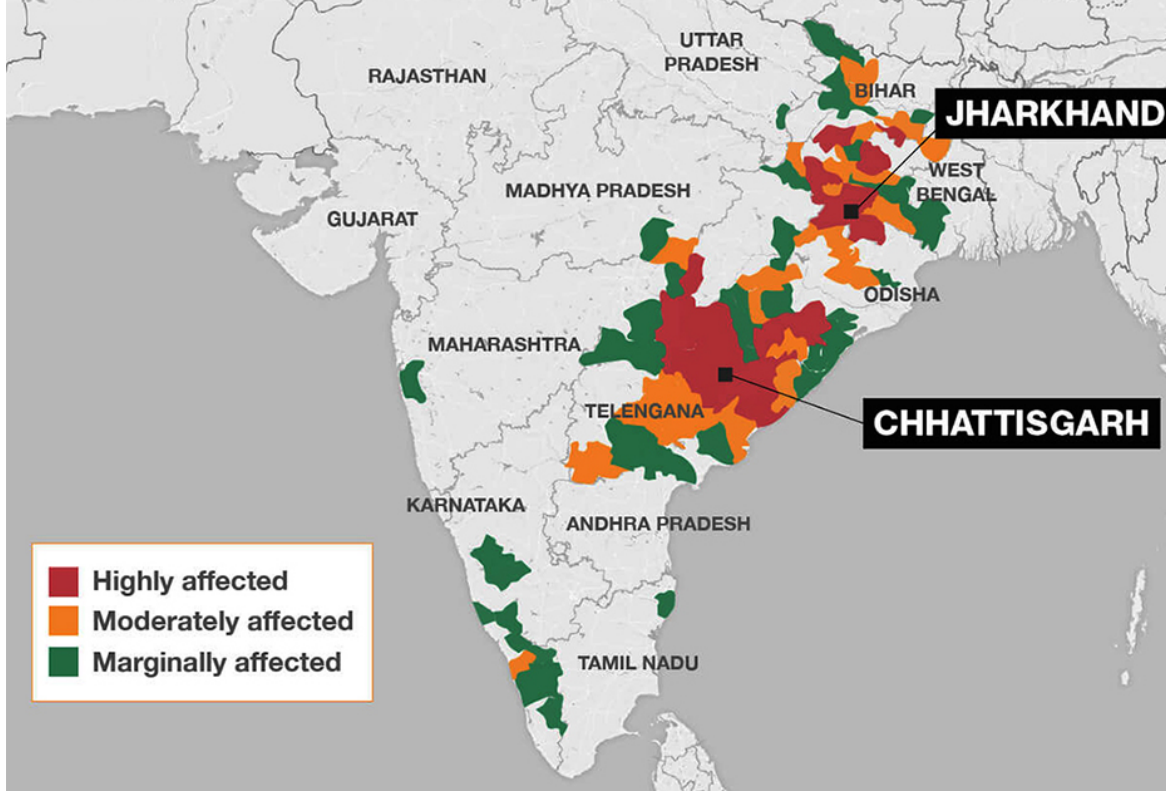
- The **BSF** is meant to secure India's borders with its neighbouring nations and is empowered to arrest, search and seize under a number of laws, such as the Code of **Criminal Procedure (CrPC) of 1973**, the **Passports Act 1967**, the **Passport (Entry into India) Act 1920**, and the **Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS), 1985** etc.

Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)

- The ITBP is a specialised mountain force of India, which was established in 1962, soon after the India-China war which was initially meant for deployment along the India-China border.
- ITBP was initially **raised under the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Act, 1949**. However, in 1992, parliament enacted the ITBP Act and the rules were framed in 1994.

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.



Mob Lynching | Chhattisgarh | 18 Jun 2024

Why in News?

Recently, two **cattle transporters** were found dead, and a third was severely injured after being allegedly attacked by a mob in Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

- The victims were transporting cattle from **Mahasamund to Raipur**.

Key Points

- **Mob lynching** is a term used to describe the acts of targeted violence by a large group of people.
- The violence is tantamount to offenses against **human body or property or both public as well as private**.
- The mob believes that they are punishing the victim for doing something wrong (not necessarily illegal) and they take the law in their own hands to punish the purported accused without following any rules of law.
- **Related Issues:**
 - Mob lynching is a violation of **human dignity**, [Article 21 of the Constitution](#), and a gross

- infringement of the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights**.
- Such incidents violate the **Right to Equality and Prohibition of discrimination**, which are enshrined in [Articles 14 and 15](#) of the **Constitution of India**.
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NEET Leak Controversy | Bihar | 18 Jun 2024

Why in News?

The [National Eligibility and Entrance Test \(NEET\) Undergraduate exam paper](#) leak has escalated, leading to protests demanding a **re-test** and a [Central Bureau of Investigation \(CBI\)](#) probe.

- The **Economic Offences Unit (EOU)** disclosed that **NEET aspirants** paid up to **₹30 lakh** for **leaked exam papers** in Bihar.

Key Points

- The **Supreme Court** is hearing several petitions related to **NEET**, though it has not stayed counseling for admissions based on the results.
 - This unfolding scandal **highlights deep-rooted issues** in the examination system and underscores the urgent need for reform and accountability.
 - The **National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET)**, formerly the **All-India Pre-Medical Test (AIPMT)**, is the qualifying test for **MBBS and BDS programmes** in Indian medical and dental colleges.
 - It was introduced in **2013** by the **Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)** and is now conducted by the [National Testing Agency \(NTA\)](#).
 - **NTA was established as a Society registered under the Indian Societies Registration Act, 1860.**
 - It is an **autonomous and self-sustained testing organisation** to conduct entrance examinations for admission/fellowship in higher educational institutions.
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Nalanda University | Bihar | 18 Jun 2024

Why in News?

The **Prime Minister of India** will inaugurate the new campus of **Nalanda University** at Rajgir, Bihar.

Key Points

- The University is conceived as a **joint collaboration** between India and [East Asia Summit \(EAS\)](#) countries.
- The Campus is a '[Net Zero](#)' Green Campus. It is **self-sustainable** with a **solar plant, domestic and drinking water treatment plant, water recycling plant** for reusing wastewater, **100 acres of water bodies**, and many other environment friendly facilities.
- The **original Nalanda University**, established around **1600 years ago**, is considered to be

amongst the **first residential universities of the world.**

- The **ruins of Nalanda University** was declared as a [UN Heritage Site](#).
- **East Asia Summit:**
 - The **EAS** was established in **2005** as an **Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)-led initiative.**
 - The **EAS** is the only **leader-led forum** in the **Indo-Pacific** that brings together all key partners to discuss political, security and economic issues of strategic importance.
 - The EAS operates on the principles of **openness, inclusiveness, respect for international law, ASEAN centrality,** and **ASEAN's role** as the driving force.

Uttar Pradesh Accelerates Thermal Power Projects | Uttar Pradesh | 18 Jun 2024

Why in News

The **Uttar Pradesh government** is accelerating the **Ghatampur and Obra C thermal power projects** to address the state's growing energy demand.

Key Points

- The **combined capital expenditure (capex)** for these projects exceeds **Rs 32,000 crore.**
- The **Ghatampur project (1,980 MW)** is estimated to **cost Rs 19,006 crore** and is being developed by **Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power (NUPPL).**
- All three units of the **Ghatampur project** are expected to be commissioned in **2024-25**, with the state receiving **75%** of the production of electricity.
- The **Obra C thermal power plant (1,320 MW)** had a cost overrun due to changes in prices and exchange rates.
 - The state will meet **70%** of the **augmented cost of Obra** through **borrowings**, while the remaining **30%** will be provided through **share capital.**

Capital Expenditure

- It is incurred with the purpose of increasing assets of a durable nature or of reducing recurring liabilities.
 - **Example:** The expenditure incurred for constructing new schools or new hospitals. All these are classified as capital expenditure as they lead to creation of new assets.