

Rehabilitation Policy for Naxalites

Why in News?

Recently, Chhattisgarh Deputy Chief Minister appealed to the <u>Naxalites</u> to join the mainstream and sought suggestions from them for a **new rehabilitation policy** upon surrender.

Key Points

- According to the Deputy CM, all doors are open for talks with the <u>Maoists</u>. The state government has created an <u>environment of equality and development</u> by <u>providing roads</u>, <u>health services</u>, <u>water and other facilities in villages</u> under the <u>Niyad Nellanar scheme</u>.
 - Anti-Naxal operations and encounters were only a small part of the state government's efforts to ensure overall development of the Naxalite- affected tribal areas.

Niyad Nellanar Scheme

- Niyad Nellanar, meaning "aapka achcha gaon" or "your good village" is the local Dandami dialect (spoken in south Bastar).
- Under this scheme, amenities and benefits will be provided in villages located within 5 kilometers of security camps in Bastar region.
 - 14 new security camps have been set up in Bastar. These camps will also help to facilitate
 the implementation of the new scheme. Around 25 basic amenities will be provided in such
 villages under Niyad Nellanar.

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