

## **Ten Naxalites Surrender in Chhattisgarh**

## Why in News?

Recently, ten <u>Naxalites</u> including four minors surrendered in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada district.

## **Key Points**

- The 815 Naxalites have so far quit violence in the district under the 'Lon Varratu' (return to your home) campaign launched in June 2020 by the police.
- Lone Varratu:
  - This campaign means '**Come back home'.** 
    - This campaign was launched for those Naxalites who intended to leave the path of red terror and join the mainstream of society.

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• Under this campaign many Naxalites left the path of terrorism.

## Naxalism

- 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 movement soon spread across Eastern India in less developed areas of states such as Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh.
- Left-wing extremists (LWE) are popularly known as Maoists worldwide and as Naxalites in India.
- Objective:
  - They advocate for the overthrow of the Indian government through **armed revolution** and the establishment of a **communist stat**e based on **Maoist** principles.
  - They view the state as **oppressive**, **exploitative**, and serving the interests of the ruling elite, and seek to address socio-economic grievances through armed struggle and people's war.

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