

Naxalites Surrender in Chhattisgarh

Why in News?

According to the sources, **18 Naxalites**, including a militia platoon section commander and three women, **surrendered** in **Chhattisgarh's Dantewada**.

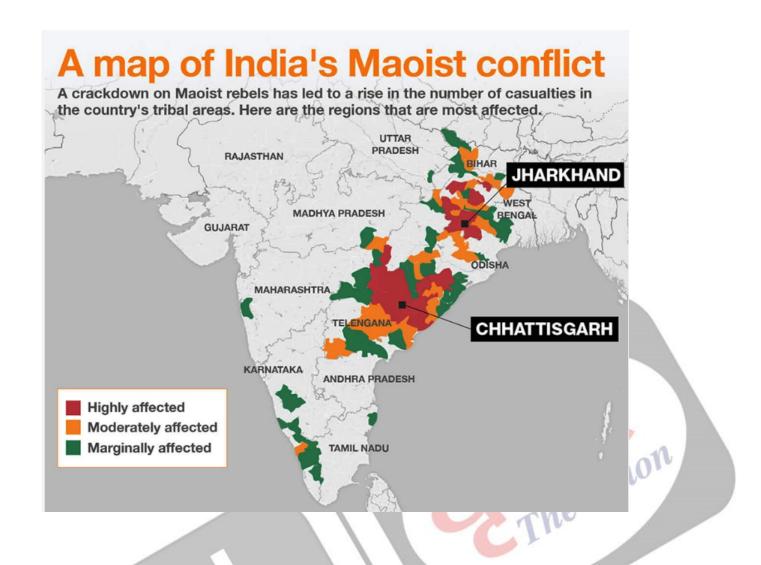
Key Points

- They were part of Bhairamgarh, and Malanger area committees of the <u>Maoists</u> in south Bastar.
- According to the sources, these cadres were tasked with digging roads, felling trees to block roads and putting up posters and banners during shutdowns called by <u>Naxalites</u>.
 - They will be provided facilities as per the government's surrender and rehabilitation policy.
 - With this, 738 Naxalites, including 177 of them carrying rewards on their heads, have so far
 joined the mainstream in Dantewada district.
- Security forces have implemented a stringent enforcement measure on Naxalites in Chhattisgarh's <u>Left Wing Extremism (LWE)</u>-hit districts.

Left-Wing Extremism (LWE)

- It 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.
- Status in India:
 - The Union Home Ministry has stated that violence related to LWE had come down by 76% in 2022 as compared to 2010.
 - Also, there has been a decrease in the geographical spread of violence as only 46
 districts reported LWE-related violence in 2021, compared to 96 districts in 2010.

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