



Naxalites Surrender in Dantewada

Why in News?

Recently, 35 [Naxalites](#) surrendered in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada district. These cadres were **tasked with digging roads, felling trees to block roads** and putting up posters and banners during shutdowns called by **Naxalites**.

Key Points

- According to the officials, these naxalites were part of Bhairamgarh, Malanger and Katekalyan area committees of the **Maoists** in south Bastar.
 - They were impressed by the police's rehabilitation drive 'Lon Varratu' (return to your home) and disappointed with the hollow **Maoist 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**.
- These Naxalites will be provided facilities as per the **government's surrender and rehabilitation policy**.
- With this, 796 Naxalites, including 180 carrying rewards, have so far joined the mainstream in the district under the police's **Lon Varratu campaign** launched in June 2020.

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**.
- 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 state** 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.

