



Chhattisgarh Government and Operation Prahar

Why in News?

Since the **first tribal Chief Minister** took office in Chhattisgarh, there has been a **fivefold increase** in the killings, arrests, and surrenders of Naxalites.

- This has been accompanied by serious allegations of **arbitrary state power** and **staged encounters** as part of "**Operation Prahar**".

Key Points

- **Operation Prahar:** This is an ongoing **counter-insurgency operation** targeting **Maoists** in Chhattisgarh.
- **Objective and Strategy:** The main goal of **Operation Prahar** is to target and neutralize key **Maoist leaders** who are believed to be brainwashing and recruiting local youth.
 - The operation has been intensified recently and will continue to expand across Chhattisgarh.
- **Impact on Local Population:** While the operation targets Maoist insurgents, there have been concerns about its impact on local Adivasi communities, with reports of non-Maoist Adivasis being affected during the operations.

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