



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 [Maoists](#) 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 [Naxalites](#).
 - 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 [Left Wing Extremism \(LWE\)](#)-hit districts.

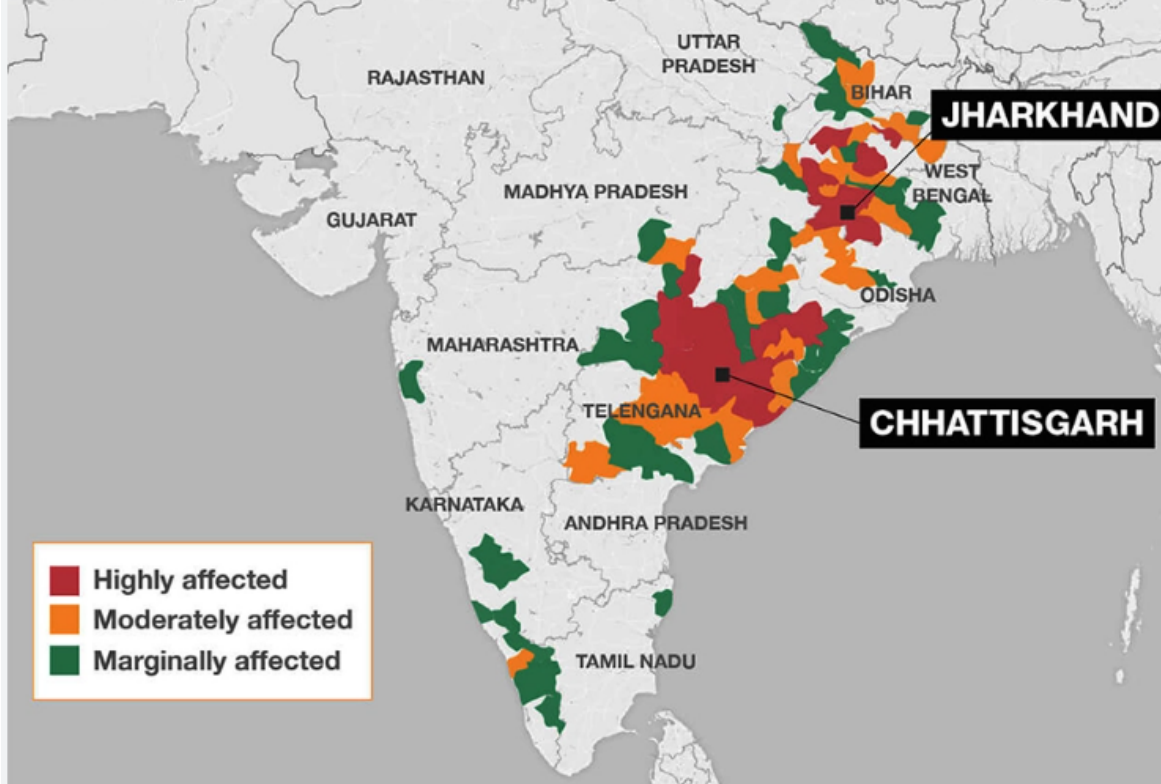
Left-Wing Extremism (LWE)

- 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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A map of India's Maoist conflict

A crackdown on Maoist rebels has led to a rise in the number of casualties in the country's tribal areas. Here are the regions that are most affected.



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