



CoBRA Battalion Soldier Injured in IED Blast | Jharkhand | 21 Sep 2024

Why in News?

Recently, an IED blast injured a jawan from the **CoBRA battalion** during an ongoing search operation in **Jharkhand's Chaibasa (Singhbhum district)**.

Key Points

- **Details of the Operation:** The operation is targeting **Maoist leader**, who has a Rs. 1 crore reward announced by the State Government.
 - The search operation involving **Chaibasa police, 209 CoBRA battalion**, and CRPF teams is ongoing in the region to apprehend the Maoist leaders.
- **COBRA:** COBRA is a special operation unit of the [Central Reserve Police Force of India](#) proficient in guerrilla tactics and jungle warfare. Originally established to counter the [Naxalite movement](#).
 - CoBRA is deployed to address insurgent groups engaging in asymmetrical warfare.
- **Singhbhum district:** Singhbhum district was established in 1990 when the original Singhbhum district was bifurcated into **East Singhbhum (with Jamshedpur as the district headquarters) and West Singhbhum (with Chaibasa as the district headquarters)**.
 - In 2001, West Singhbhum was further divided, leading to the creation of the Saraikela-Kharsawan district, leaving West Singhbhum with 15 blocks and 3 sub-divisions.
 - The district is characterized by **hilly terrain, steep mountains, and dense forests**, including renowned Sal forests and the globally recognized Saranda forest area.
 - It is home to diverse wildlife, including **elephants, bison, tigers, panthers**, and various deer species, although their populations are declining near human habitation.
 - The name "**Singhbhum**" is believed to originate from either the Singh Rajas of Porahat or a corrupted form of "**Singh Bonga**," the principal deity of the local tribal population.

Improvised Explosive Device

- An **improvised explosive device (IED)** is a homemade bomb designed to destroy or incapacitate targets, commonly used by criminals, terrorists, and insurgents in various forms.
- IEDs can be delivered through multiple means, including vehicles, placement by individuals, or roadside concealment, and gained prominence during the Iraq War that began in 2003.

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	Common uses	Common form	Known IED use
High explosives			
Ammonium nitrate and fuel oil (ANFO)	Mining and blasting ²	Solid	Oklahoma City bombing
Triacetone Triperoxide (TATP)	No common uses; mixed from other materials	Crystalline solid	2005 bombings in London
Semtex, C-4	Primarily military	Plastic solid	Irish Republican Army bombings
Ethylene glycol dinitrate (EGDN)	Component of low-freezing dynamite	Liquid	Millennium Bomber, intended for Los Angeles airport, 1999
Urea nitrate	Fertilizer	Crystalline solid	World Trade Center 1993
Low explosive			
Smokeless powder	Ammunition	Solid	Olympic Park bombings

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