

## **Gunfight Between Banned Maoist Group and Security Forces**

## Why in News?

Recently, in **Jharkhand's Chatra district** a gunfight broke out between members of a banned **Maoist** outfit and security personnel.

## **Key Points**

- During a combing operation in Angarha forest in Kunda, around 200 km from the state capital Ranchi, cadres of the outlawed Tritiya Sammelan Prastuti Committee fired upon the security forces.
  - The Tritiya Sammelan Prastuti Committee is a breakaway faction of the banned Communist Party of India (CPI) (Maoist).

## The Tritiya Prastuti Committee (TPC)

- It is a splinter group of the Maoist Communist Centre of India. TPC has declared CPI (Maoist) as its main enemy, not police machinery.
- The areas of influence of TPC are in Chatra, Palamu and Latehar district of Jharkhand. TPC is a rival of other Maoist outfits.
- It was formed in 2002 when several cadres broke away from Maoist Communist Centre (MCC) due to its perceived domination of Yadav caste in decision making and led to the formation of the TPC by non-Yadavs chiefly the Mahtos, Ganjhus, Bhogta, Oraon and Kharwars among others.

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