

Maoist Insurgency on Decline

Why in News?

In 2024, India has observed **162 Maoist-related fatalities**, with **Chhattisgarh accounting for 141 of these deaths.**

• This marks one of the **highest casualty figures for extremists** in the predominantly tribal state since the establishment of the **Communist Party of India (Maoist) (CPI-M)** in 2004.

Key Points

- "Operation Green Hunt," started in 2009 by involving the Central Reserve Police Force's
 Cobra force and Chhattisgarh police "search and comb" operations led to decline in Maoist activities in India.
- While Maoist casualties have increased, the deaths of security force personnel have come down.
 - In 2024, 14 security force personnel died in the insurgency, compared to the highest of 198 in 2007.
 - The number of civilian deaths has also been at its lowest since 2014, with 23 people killed in Maoist attacks.
- Bijapur and neighboring Sukma have 20 <u>Border Security Force (BSF)</u> camps due to intense operations.
- In Kanker, a joint BSF and District Reserve Guard operation killed 29 Maoists, including a top commander. In Dantewada, declared 'Maoist-free' in 2021, only 15 Maoists were killed in 2024.

The Greyhounds

- It is an elite anti-Maoist force raised in 1989 by IPS officer K.S. Vyas to combat the growing Maoist threat in Andhra Pradesh.
- The members are well-trained in guerilla and jungle warfare.

Operation Green Hunt

- Operation Green Hunt was a military operation by paramilitary forces and the states forces against the Naxalites.
- The operation began in November 2009 along 5 states in the "Red Corridor."

Red Corridor

- The <u>Red Corridor</u> is the region in the central, eastern and southern parts of India that experience severe **Naxalism-Maoist insurgency.**
- It includes the states of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Bihar, West Bengal, Andhra
 Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Kerala



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