



Maoist killed in Encounter in Chhattisgarh

Why in News?

Recently, **security forces killed a Maoist** in an encounter in **Chhattisgarh's Kanker district**. The gunfight erupted in a **forest along the Kanker-Narayanpur border** during an **anti-Naxal operation**.

Key Points

- **Anti-Naxal Operation:**
 - A joint team of **District Reserve Guard (DRG)** and **Border Security Force (BSF)** launched the operation based on intelligence inputs about the presence of Maoist cadres from the North Bastar and Maad divisions in the area.
 - **Since January 2025, 50 Maoists have been killed** in separate encounters across Chhattisgarh.
 - The **Bastar division recorded the highest toll**, with 34 Maoists killed.
- **Annual Maoist Casualties:**
 - In **2024, security forces neutralized 219 Maoists** in various encounters across the state.

District Reserve Guard (DRG)

- The District Reserve Guard (DRG) is a **specialized police unit in Chhattisgarh, established in 2008** to combat **Maoist violence**.
- It consists of **specialized personnel operating** in affected districts, conducting anti-Maoist operations, **search and seizure, and gathering intelligence**.
- The DRG collaborates with other security forces, like the **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)**, to counter the Maoist insurgency.

Border Security Force (BSF)

- The BSF was **raised in 1965, after the India-Pakistan war**.
- It is one of the **seven Central Armed Police Forces** of the Union of India under the administrative control of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).
 - Other **Central Armed Police Forces** are: **Assam Rifles (AR)**, **Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)**, **Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)**, **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)**, **National Security Guards (NSG)** and **Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)**.
- The 2.65-lakh force is deployed along the Pakistan and Bangladesh borders.
 - It is deployed on the Indo-Pakistan International Border, Indo-Bangladesh International Border, and **Line of Control (LoC) along with the Indian Army and in Anti-Naxal Operations**.
- BSF has been defending **Sir Creek in the Arabian Sea and the Sundarbans delta in the Bay of Bengal** with its state of the art fleet of Water Crafts.
- It contributes dedicated services to the **UN peacekeeping Mission** by sending a large contingent of its trained manpower every year.

