



# CRPF's New Operations Base in Chhattisgarh

## Why in News?

The [Central Reserve Police Force \(CRPF\)](#) has established a new operations base in the [Maoist corridor](#) in Chhattisgarh's south Bastar region, strengthening its presence in core [Left Wing Extremism-affected areas](#) of the State.

## Key Points

- **About Forward Operating Base (FOB):**
  - The **196<sup>th</sup> and 205<sup>th</sup> [Commando Battalion for Resolute Action \(CoBRA\)](#)**, along with other paramilitary units, assisted in establishing the base.
  - The FOB is in a remote, hilly region that houses Maoist training camps, weapons, ammunition dumps, and ration units.
  - It **lies within the stronghold of the Maoists** from the south and west Bastar divisions.
- **Security Challenges and Resistance:**
  - The area serves as the operations centre of the first battalion of armed Maoist cadres.
  - The CRPF demolished a tall red-colored memorial erected by Maoists in memory of their fallen cadres using a heavy earth-moving machine.
- **Government Strategy and Expansion:**
  - This base is the **13th in a series of new FOBs being created** as part of the Union government's goal to **[eliminate Left-Wing Extremism by March 2026](#)**.
  - More FOBs are planned before the Maoists' annual **Tactical Counter-Offensive Campaign (TCOC) begins**.
    - The TCOC is a **summer offensive by Naxals**, leveraging improved visibility in dry forests to launch attacks on security forces.
- **Anti-Naxal Operations in Chhattisgarh:**
  - Over the **past three to four years**, the CRPF has established more than **40 FOBs in Chhattisgarh**.
  - The most intense [anti-Naxal operations](#) are concentrated in southern Bastar, bordering Odisha and Telangana.

## Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)

- The CRPF was initially **established as the Crown Representatives Police in 1939** in response to political turmoil and unrest within the princely states.
- The force was **renamed the Central Reserve Police Force in 1949**.
- **[Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel](#), the then Home Minister**, envisioned a multifaceted role for the CRPF, aligning its functions with the evolving needs of a newly independent nation.
- **COBRA:**
  - It 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.

# LEFT WING EXTREMISM

## ABOUT

- ↳ **Originated:** 1967 uprising in Naxalbari, West Bengal
- ↳ **Aim:** Societal and political change through revolutionary methods

## IDEOLOGY

- ↳ Overthrow central government through armed revolution (Violence and guerilla warfare)
- ↳ Establishment of a communist state based on Maoist principles

## FACTORS RESPONSIBLE

- ↳ **Massive displacement of tribal population;** Due to development projects, mining operations
- ↳ **Tribal dissatisfaction;** Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 prohibits tribes from harvesting forest resources
- ↳ **Poverty and lack of sustainable means;** Driving factors for joining Naxalite movement
- ↳ **Lack of effective governance;** Insufficient technical intelligence against Naxalism

## STATES AFFECTED BY LWE

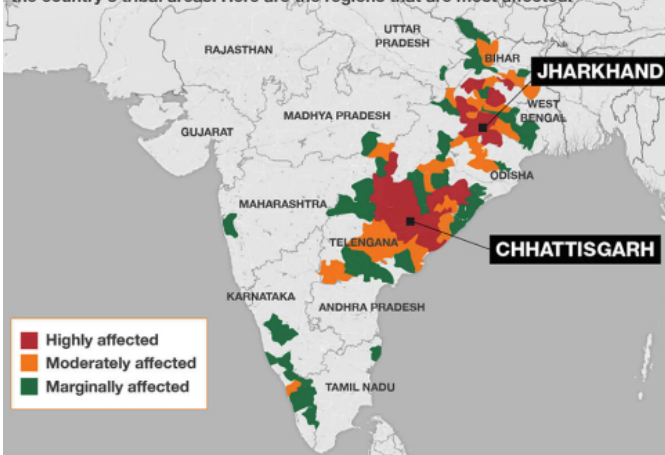
- ↳ **Red Corridor:** Experiences severe Naxalism–Maoist insurgency
- ↳ Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Bihar, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Kerala

## GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES TO CURB LWE

- ↳ National Policy and Action Plan to address Left Wing Extremism 2015
- ↳ **SAMADHAN Doctrine**
  - ↳ **S-** Smart Leadership
  - ↳ **A-** Aggressive Strategy
  - ↳ **M-** Motivation and Training
  - ↳ **A-** Actionable Intelligence
  - ↳ **D-** Dashboard Based KPIs (Key Performance Indicators) and KRAs (Key Result Areas)
  - ↳ **H-** Harnessing Technology
  - ↳ **A-** Action plan for each Theatre
  - ↳ **N-** No access to Financing
- ↳ **Special Central Assistance (SCA)** in Public Infrastructure and Services
- ↳ **Operation Green Hunt**
- ↳ **Greyhounds** (Elite commando force in Andhra Pradesh)
- ↳ **Bastariya Battalion** (local recruits in Chhattisgarh who know the language and terrain that could generate intelligence and conduct operations)

## 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.



## Countering Naxalism - Bandyopadhyay Committee (2006)

- Highlighted the lack of governance, economic, socio-political and cultural discrimination against the tribals
- Recommended tribal-friendly land acquisition and rehabilitation



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