



End of Naxalism

Why in News?

Chhattisgarh **Governor Ramen Deka** declared that **Naxalism** in the state is **on the verge of extinction**.

Key Points

- **Government's Strategy to Eradicate Maoism:**
 - **Addressing the Chhattisgarh Assembly** on the **first day of the Budget session**, the Governor asserted that Naxalism is nearing its end in Chhattisgarh due to the **government's strategic approach, the bravery of security forces, and public support**.
 - The government has **intensified area domination efforts**, leading to the **elimination of over 300 Naxalites in the past 14 months**.
 - Additionally, **972 Naxalites have surrendered**, while security forces have **arrested 1,183 militants**.
- **Milestones in Naxal-Affected Regions:**
 - For the first time, flag-hoisting ceremonies were held in 26 Maoist-affected villages.
 - Several villages, including Pentachimali, Keralapenda, Duled, Sunnam Guda, and Puvarti in Sukma, participated in the **three-tier panchayat elections** for the first time.
 - After 19 years, a health center resumed operations in Potali village, Dantewada district.
- **Other Developmental Measures:**
 - The Governor's **59-point address** included key initiatives such as:
 - Implementation of a **housing scheme for the poor**.
 - Expansion of **forest produce collection programs**.
 - **Promotion of industrialization** to boost economic growth.

Naxalism

- **Origin:**
 - The term Naxalism derives its name from the **village Naxalbari of West Bengal**.
 - It **originated as rebellion against local landlords** who bashed a peasant over a land dispute.
 - The **movement soon spread across Eastern India** in less developed areas of states such as Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh.
 - **Left-wing extremists (LWE)** are popularly known as Maoists worldwide and as Naxalites in India.
- **Objective:**
 - They advocate for the overthrow of the Indian government through **armed revolution** and the establishment of a **communist state** based on **Maoist principles**.
 - They view the state as **oppressive, exploitative**, and serving the interests of the ruling elite, and seek to address socio-economic grievances through armed struggle and people's war.

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