



Maoists Encounter in Chhattisgarh

Why in News?

Maoists were killed in an encounter with security forces in **Sukma district of Chhattisgarh**.

Key Points

- **Maoist Casualties:**
 - The latest encounter **increased the number of Maoists killed** in the conflict-hit Bastar region to 67 in the first 60 days of 2025.
 - **Sukma**, where the encounter took place, is **one of the seven districts in the Bastar region**.
 - Additionally, **security forces killed 17 Maoists in encounters in Gariaband district**, which lies outside Bastar.
 - The total number of **Maoists killed in Chhattisgarh in 2025 is 84**.
 - In 2024, during intensified **anti-Naxal operations (ANOs)**, security forces eliminated 219 Maoists in the state.
- **Details of the Sukma Encounter:**
 - The Inspector-General of Police stated that **security forces launched a search operation** after receiving intelligence about Maoist presence in the area.
 - The operation involved personnel from Chhattisgarh Police's **District Reserve Guards (DRG)** and **Commando Battalion for Resolute Action (CoBRA)**, an elite unit of the **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)**.

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 **specially trained 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.

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.

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