



Maoism to be Eradicated by 2026

Why in News?

Union Home Minister Amit Shah stated that the **government will eradicate "Naxals" by 31st March 2026**, ensuring that **no citizen loses their life** due to the [insurgency](#).

Key Points

- **Bijapur Operation:**
 - The Home Minister highlighted that **security forces** achieved a significant **victory in Bijapur, Chhattisgarh**, by **eliminating 31 Maoists** and recovering a large cache of arms and explosives.
 - Chhattisgarh Chief Minister affirmed that **Maoism in the country and the state will come to an end**.
 - It is also emphasized that efforts are underway to remove [Improvised Explosive Device \(IEDs\)](#) laid by Maoists and to **provide essential infrastructure, including schools, hospitals, roads, water supply, anganwadis, and mobile towers, across the Bastar region**.
- **Maoist Casualties in 2024:**
 - According to police records, **security forces neutralized 219 Maoists** in separate encounters in Chhattisgarh.

Maoism

- **About:**
 - Maoism is a form of communism developed by **Mao Tse Tung**. It is a doctrine to capture State power through a combination of **armed insurgency, mass mobilization and strategic alliances**.
 - Mao called this process, the **'Protracted People's War'**, where the emphasis is on **'military line'** to capture power.
- **Maoist Ideology:**
 - The central theme of Maoist ideology is the use of **violence and armed insurrection** as a means to capture State power.
 - **'Bearing of arms is non-negotiable'** as per the Maoist insurgency doctrine.
- **Indian Maoists:**
 - The largest and the most violent Maoist formation in India is the [Communist Party of India \(Maoist\)](#) formed in 2004.
 - The **CPI (Maoist) and its front organizations** were banned under the [Unlawful Activities \(Prevention\) Act, 1967](#).
 - Front Organizations are the **off-shoots** of the parent Maoist party, which professes a separate existence **to escape legal liability**.

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.

