



# First Mobile Tower at Remote CRPF Base

## Why in News?

The **first mobile phone tower** was set up inside [the Central Reserve Police Force \(CRPF\)](#) camp in Tekulagudem village, a remote area in the **Naxal-affected Sukma district** of Chhattisgarh.

- The initiative aligns with the Union Government's goal to **eliminate [Left Wing Extremism \(LWE\)](#) by March 2026.**

## Key Points

- **BSNL Mobile Tower Operationalized:**
  - A **Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)** mobile tower is the first mobile connectivity facility in the area, **benefiting both villagers and security personnel.**
  - The tower will serve Tekulagudem and nearby hamlets, including Timmapuram, Jonaguda, and Puvarti.
    - The village is in Sukma district, which has been heavily affected by [Naxal violence](#) and shares a border with Bijapur in the Bastar region.
- **Special Initiative for Villagers:**
  - BSNL officials traveled from Sukma headquarters and Raipur to operationalize the tower.
  - A **special camp was organized to distribute and activate SIM cards for the local population.**

## Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)

- **Inception and Evolution:**
  - 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.
- **Specialised Units:**
  - The CRPF has several specialised units, including [the Rapid Action Force \(RAF\)](#), [Commando Battalion for Resolute Action \(CoBRA\)](#), VIP Security Wing, and Mahila Battalions.
- **Achievements and Contributions:**
  - The force has thwarted attacks on important national landmarks, **controlled militancy in Punjab and insurgency in Tripura,** and made significant contributions to **eradicating [Naxalism.](#)**
- **Honouring the Bravehearts:**
  - The CRPF has paid a heavy price, with 2,255 of its **soldiers making the supreme sacrifice** and being honoured with decorations, including [the George Cross](#), [Ashok Chakra](#), [Kirti Chakra](#), [Shaurya Chakra](#), etc.

# 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)

## 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

## 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.

