

# 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 <u>Naxal violence</u> 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 **unres**t 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 <u>the George Cross</u>, <u>Ashok</u> <u>Chakra</u>, <u>Kirti Chakra</u>, <u>Shaurya Chakra</u>, etc.

# LEFT WING

#### 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

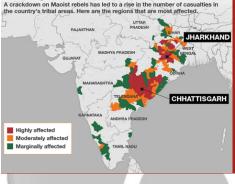
#### FACTORS RESPONSIBLE

- Massive displacement of tribal population; Due to development projects, mining operations
- Generation of the second second
- resources Poverty and lack of sustainable means; Driving factors for joining Naxalite movement
- Subscription State St

#### STATES AFFECTED BY LWE

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

# A map of India's Maoist conflict



#### **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
- \varTheta 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



# The Vision

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