



Naxalite killed in Encounter

Why in News?

Recently, a [Naxalite](#) was killed in an exchange of fire with security personnel in **Chhattisgarh's Sukma district**.

Key Points

- The gunfight took place in the morning on a forested hill between Tolnai and Tetrai villages when a team of security personnel was out on an **anti-Naxal operation**.
- With this incident, 105 Naxalites have been killed so far in 2024 in separate encounters with security forces in Chhattisgarh.

Naxalism in India

- 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 rebellion was initiated in 1967, with an objective of rightful redistribution of the land to working peasants under the leadership of **Kanu Sanyal** and **Jagan Santhal**.
- Started in West Bengal, the movement has spread across Eastern India; in less developed areas of states such as Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh.
- It is considered that Naxals support **Maoist political sentiments** and ideology.
 - **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.

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