



Maoist Insurgency on Decline

Why in News?

In 2024, India has observed **162 Maoist-related fatalities**, with **Chhattisgarh accounting for 141 of these deaths**.

- This marks one of the **highest casualty figures for extremists** in the predominantly tribal state since the establishment of the **Communist Party of India (Maoist) (CPI-M)** in 2004.

Key Points

- "[Operation Green Hunt](#)," started in 2009 by involving the **Central Reserve Police Force's CoBRA force** and Chhattisgarh police "**search and comb**" operations led to decline in Maoist activities in India.
- While Maoist casualties have increased, the deaths of security force personnel have come down.
 - In **2024, 14 security force personnel died** in the insurgency, compared to the highest of **198 in 2007**.
 - The number of civilian deaths has also been at its **lowest since 2014**, with 23 people killed in Maoist attacks.
- Bijapur and neighboring Sukma have 20 [Border Security Force \(BSF\)](#) camps due to intense operations.
- In Kanker, a joint BSF and District Reserve Guard operation killed 29 Maoists, including a top commander. In Dantewada, declared 'Maoist-free' in 2021, only 15 Maoists were killed in 2024.

The Greyhounds

- It is an **elite anti-Maoist force raised in 1989** by **IPS officer K.S. Vyas** to combat the growing Maoist threat in Andhra Pradesh.
- The members are **well-trained in guerilla and jungle warfare**.

Operation Green Hunt

- [Operation Green Hunt](#) was a **military operation by paramilitary forces** and the states forces against the Naxalites.
- The **operation began in November 2009 along 5 states** in the "**Red Corridor**."

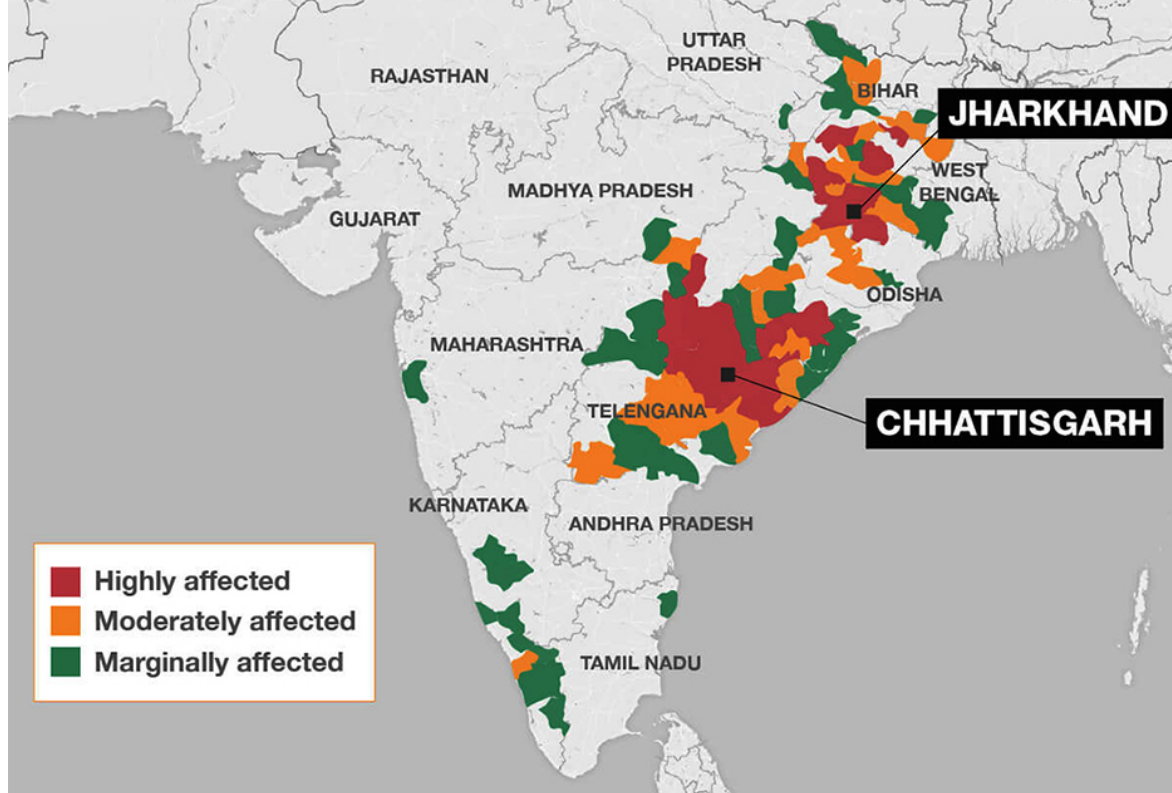
Red Corridor

- The [Red Corridor](#) is the region in the central, eastern and southern parts of India that experience severe **Naxalism-Maoist insurgency**.
- It includes the states of **Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Bihar, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Kerala**

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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.



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