



# Indravati National Park

## Why in News?

During ongoing [anti-Naxal operations](#), [security forces](#) encountered [Maoists](#) in [Indravati National Park](#), located in Bijapur district, Chhattisgarh.

## Key Points

### ■ Indravati National Park:

- It is situated in the **Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh**.
- It attained the status of a national park in 1981 and was declared a [tiger reserve](#) in **1983** under India's [Project Tiger](#).
- It is **named after the Indravati River**, which flows from east to west and forms the reserve's northern boundary with Maharashtra.
- **Vegetation:**
  - Comprises three major forest types:
    - Moist Mixed Deciduous Forest with Teak.
    - Moist Mixed Deciduous Forest without Teak.
    - Southern Dry Mixed Deciduous Forest.
- **Flora:**
  - Common tree species include **teak, achar, karra, kullu, shisham, semal, haldu, arjun, bel, and jamun**.
- **Fauna:**
  - Hosts one of the last populations of **rare wild buffalo**.
  - Other species include [Nilgai](#), [Black Buck](#), [Sambar](#), [Gaur](#), [Tiger](#), [Leopard](#), [Chital](#), [Sloth Bears](#), and more.

### ■ Anti-Naxal Operations:

- Large-scale operations like [Operation Green Hunt](#), [Operation Kagar](#), [Operation Black Forest](#), etc., deploy paramilitary forces to eliminate the Naxalite presence.
- Increased deployment of [Central Armed Police Forces \(CAPFs\)](#) and state police, along with specialized forces such as [Commando Battalion for Resolute Action \(CoBRA\)](#) and [Greyhounds \(Andhra Pradesh\)](#), strengthens counter-insurgency efforts in the Red Corridor for long-term security.

### ■ Maoist Casualties:

- In 2025, **209 Maoists were killed in Chhattisgarh**, with 192 deaths reported in Bastar region alone.
- In 2024, a total of 219 Maoists were killed in the state, including 217 in the Bastar region.

# 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.

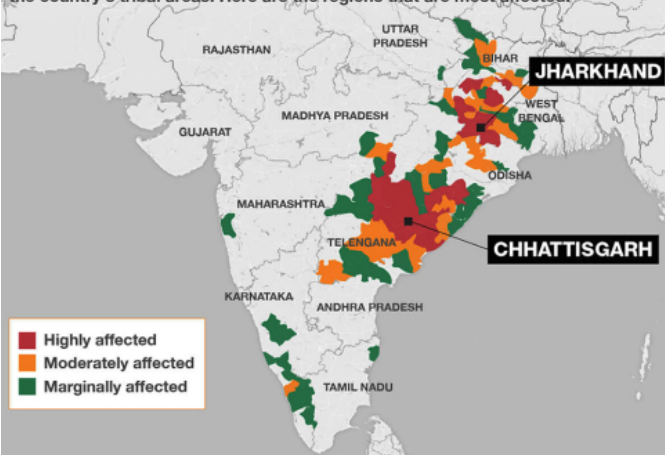
- ↳ National Policy and Action Plan to address Left Wing Extremism 2015
- ↳ **SAMADHAN Doctrine**
  - ↳ **S-** Smart Leadership
  - ↳ **A-** Aggressive Strategy
  - ↳ **M-** Motivation and Training
  - ↳ **A-** Actionable Intelligence
  - ↳ **D-** Dashboard Based KPIs (Key Performance Indicators) and 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.



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