



Operation Sankalp

Why in News?

[Security forces](#) killed [Naxalites](#) during an encounter in the **forests of Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district**, as part of **Operation Sankalp**, a massive [counter-insurgency initiative](#).

Key Points

- **About Operation Sankalp:**
 - Security forces launched Operation Sankalp on 21 April based on **intelligence inputs** about the presence of senior cadres of the **Maoist battalion no. 1, Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee (DKSZC)**, and the **Telangana state committee of Maoists**.
 - The operation targets Maoist strongholds in the Karregutta hills and surrounding forest areas along the Chhattisgarh-Telangana border.
- **Forces Involved:**
 - Around 28,000 security personnel are taking part in the operation.
 - These include units from the [District Reserve Guard \(DRG\)](#), [Bastar Fighters](#), [Special Task Force \(STF\)](#), [Chhattisgarh Police](#), [Central Reserve Police Force \(CRPF\)](#), and its elite [CoBRA unit \(Commando Battalion for Resolute Action\)](#).
- **Area of Operation:**
 - The operation covers nearly 800 sq km in the **forested and hilly terrain straddling Bijapur (Chhattisgarh) and Mulugu and Bhadrachalam-Kothagudem (Telangana)**, located over 450 km from Raipur.
 - **Forces have seized:**
 - Over 400 [improvised explosive devices \(IEDs\)](#)
 - Around 2 tonnes of **explosive materials**
 - More than 6 tonnes of **rations, medicines, daily-use items, and other Maoist belongings**

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District Reserve Guard (DRG)

- The District Reserve Guard (DRG) is a **specialized police unit in Chhattisgarh, established in 2008** to combat **Maoist violence**.
- It consists of **specialized personnel operating** in affected districts, conducting anti-Maoist operations, **search and seizure, and gathering intelligence**.
- The DRG collaborates with other security forces, like the [Central Reserve Police Force \(CRPF\)](#), to counter the Maoist insurgency.

Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)

- 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.
- **COBRA:**
 - It is a **special operation unit of the Central Reserve Police Force of India** proficient in guerrilla tactics and jungle warfare. Originally established to counter the **Naxalite movement**.
 - CoBRA is deployed to address insurgent groups engaging in asymmetrical warfare.

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