



IEDs Recovered in Bijapur

Why in News?

Security forces recovered five **Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs)** planted by **Maoists** in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district.

Key Points

- **IEDs Detection:**
 - A joint team of the **Chhattisgarh Armed Force (CAF)** and local police detected five IEDs near Mankeli village in Bijapur district.
 - The team was conducting an **area domination and demining operation** when they uncovered the explosives.
- **Pattern of Maoist Attacks in Bastar Region:**
 - Maoists frequently **plant IEDs along forest roads and dirt tracks** in the interior areas of the Bastar region, which includes Bijapur and six other districts.
 - These traps often target security forces during patrolling, but in several cases, civilians have also suffered casualties.

Improvised Explosive Device

- An **improvised explosive device (IED)** is a homemade bomb **designed to destroy or incapacitate targets**, commonly used by criminals, terrorists, and insurgents in various forms.
- IEDs can be delivered through multiple means, including vehicles, placement by individuals, or roadside concealment, and **gained prominence during the Iraq War that began in 2003**.

	Common uses	Common form	Known IED use
High explosives			
Ammonium nitrate and fuel oil (ANFO)	Mining and blasting ²	Solid	Oklahoma City bombing
Triacetone Triperoxide (TATP)	No common uses; mixed from other materials	Crystalline solid	2005 bombings in London
Semtex, C-4	Primarily military	Plastic solid	Irish Republican Army bombings
Ethylene glycol dinitrate (EGDN)	Component of low-freezing dynamite	Liquid	Millennium Bomber, intended for Los Angeles airport, 1999
Urea nitrate	Fertilizer	Crystalline solid	World Trade Center 1993
Low explosive			
Smokeless powder	Ammunition	Solid	Olympic Park bombings

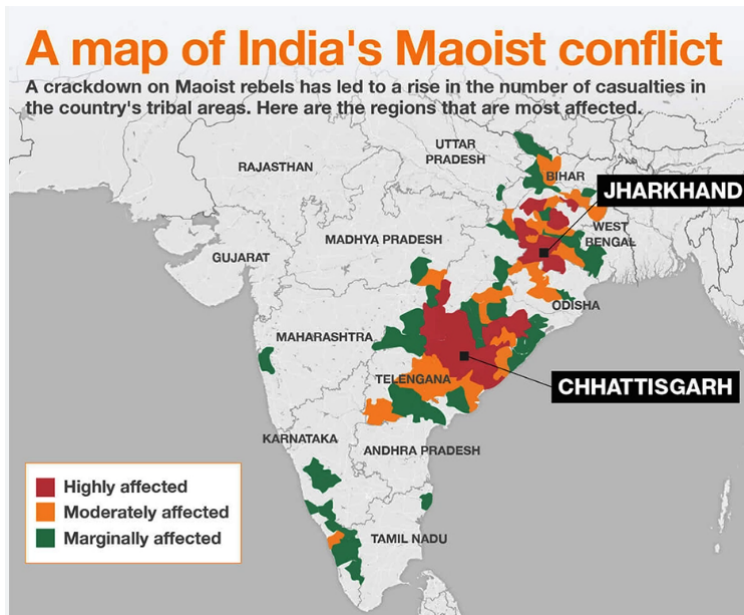
Maoism

- **About:**
 - Maoists, also known as **Left-wing Extremists (LWE)** or Naxalites, are a group in India advocating for the overthrow of the government through armed revolution, based on **Maoist ideology**.
- **Maoist Ideology:**
 - The central theme of Maoist ideology is the **use of violence and armed insurrection** as a means to **capture State power**.

- ‘**Bearing of arms is non-negotiable**’ as per the Maoist insurgency doctrine.

▪ **Indian Maoists:**

- The largest and the most violent Maoist formation in India is the **Communist Party of India (Maoist)** formed in 2004.
- The **CPI (Maoist)** and its front organizations were banned under the **Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967**.
- Front Organizations are the **off-shoots** of the parent Maoist party, which professes a separate existence **to escape legal liability**.



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