

Know About Maoist Terrorism

Naxalism (Maoist) is the most serious internal problem of our country. Maoist terrorists who follow the ideology of Chinese Communist dictator Mao-Tse-Tung have waged an internal war to destabilise the country.

Innocent villagers are killed by these Naxal terrorists, most of whom are from the tribal community. Indian security forces are attacked by these terrorists, public places are destroyed, development plans are not allowed to reach the general public and democratic process is also opposed.

This infographic poster series is on the topic of Maoist terrorism, from its basic ideology to its working style and organisational structure, besides some facts and figures.

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What is Maoism?

Maoism is a form of COMMUNISM developed by Chinese dictator Mao-Tse-Tung.

It is a doctrine to capture State power through a combination of **Armed Insurgency, mass mobilization & strategic alliances.**

The Maoists also use **propaganda** and disinformation against **State institutions** as other components of their insurgency doctrine.

Mao called this process, the **'Protracted Peoples War'**, where the emphasis is on 'military line' to capture power.



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What Is The Central Theme Of MAOISM IDEOLOGY?

The central theme of **Maoist ideology** is the use of **violence & armed insurrection** as a means to capture State power.

'Bearing of arms is non-negotiable' as per the Maoist insurgency doctrine.

The maoist ideology **glorifies violence** and the **'Peoples Liberation Guerrilla Army' (PLGA)** cadres are trained specifically in the worst forms of **violence** to evoke terror among the population under their domination.

However, they also use the **subterfuge of mobilizing people** over issues of purported inadequacies of the existing system, so that they can be indoctrinated to take recourse to violence as the only means of redressal.



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Why do CPI (Maoist) have large number of women cadres?

In States like **Chhattisgarh & Jharkhand**, the Maoists have formed '**Bal Dastas**' comprising young children.

The idea is to brain-wash and indoctrinate young children to **Maoist ideology**.

Most parents do not want to part with their children. But faced with coercion and threats, many poor **Tribal parents** prefer to part with the girl child.

This **inhuman practice by the Maoists** is the reason behind large number of **young girls/women being present among the Maoist cadres**.

They are also pushed to the forefront of engagements with the security forces.

Inspite of the Maoists professing disapproval of 'patriarchy', the number of women in top echelons of their leadership like the PB & CC are negligible.



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Why do the Maoists kill civilians ?

The **Maoists kill civilians** for a variety of reasons.

First of all, they kill those who **do not subscribe to their ideology** in areas under their domination they are usually branded as **'police informers'**.

They also kill people to create a **power & governance** vacuum in rural areas and the space is filled by them.

They also kill the so called **'class enemies'**.

All these killings lead to a chain of circumstances wherein the kin of victims can potentially **rebel against the Maoists**.

This leads to further chain of killings of such targets.



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Why do they attack schools & other economic infrastructure?

The **Maoists** wish to keep the population in their strongholds **cut-off from the main stream milieu**.

The **schools are attacked** because education promotes a spirit of enquiry among the local population and also equips children with skills for alternative sources of livelihood.

These developments are looked upon by the **Maoists as potential threats** to their very existence and their outdated ideology.

The Maoists also **destroy infrastructure like roads and telecom network** to keep populations isolated from mainstream India.



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How many incidents of attack on

ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE

has taken place since 2010?

The year wise figures are as under:

2010	365	2015	127
2011	293	2016	79
2012	214	2017	75
2013	169	2018	60
2014	100	2019	64



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What is the policy of Government of India to combat

Left Wing Terrorism (Maoist Terrorism) ?

The **Government of India** believes in a holistic long-term policy in the areas of security, development, ensuring rights and entitlements of local communities, improving governance and perception management to combat **Left Wing Terrorism (Maoist Terrorism)**.

Most of the security related measures, apart from deployment of **CAPFs**, are aimed at assisting capacity building by the State forces.

An Empowered Group of Officers **closely monitors** the progress of flagship schemes.

Special emphasis is being laid on the implementation of **Forest Rights Act** and ensuring entitlement of local communities over Minor Forest Produce.



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What is the composition of PLGA?



The PLGA consists of three forces:

1. Main Force

- a) Companies
- b) Platoons
- c) Special Action Teams (Assassination squads)
- d) Intelligence Units

2. Secondary Force

- a) Special Guerilla Squads
- b) Local Guerilla Squads
- c) Platoons
- d) District/Divisional level action team (Assassination squads)

3. Base Force

- a) Peoples Militia
- b) Gram Rakshak Dal
- c) Aatma Rakshak Dal
- d) Self-defense Squads

In areas under their domination, the Maoists set up 'Revolutionary Peoples Committees'(RPC), the civilian administrative achinery, which carries out extremely rudimentary administrative functions and also provide logistics support to the armed formations



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What are Maoist's Front Organizations?

The **Front Organizations** are the off-shoots of the parent **Maoist party**, which professes a separate existence to escape **legal liability**.

The **Front organizations** carry out **propaganda/disinformation** for the party, **recruit 'professional revolutionaries'** for the underground movement, **raise funds** for the insurgency, assist the cadres in **legal matters** and also provide **safe houses and shelters** to underground cadres.

The functionaries of Front Organizations provide **intellectual veneer** to the inherent violence in the Maoist ideology.

In other words, they **sanitize the bloodletting**, and attempt to make the Maoist world-view palatable to **urban audiences and the media**.



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Who are the Indian **MAOISTS TERRORISTS?**

The largest and the most violent Maoist formation in India is the **Communist Party of India (Maoist)**.

The **CPI (Maoist)** is an amalgamation of many splinter groups, which culminated in the merger of two largest Maoist groups in 2004; the **Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist), People War and the Maoist Communist Centre of India**.

The CPI (Maoist) and all its front organizations formations have been included in the list of **banned terrorist organizations** under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.



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Which are the States considered to be

Left Wing Terrorism

(Maoist Terrorism)
affected ?



The States of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Bihar, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Kerala are considered Maoist Terrorism affected, although in varying degrees.

The CPI (Maoist) are making forays into Southern States of Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu and planning to link up the **Western Ghats to the Eastern Ghats** through these states.

The CPI (Maoist) are planning to expand their area of activities and carve out a base for themselves in the **tri-junction** of Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.



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How many civilians have been killed by **LWE since 2004 ?**

The year wise break up is as under:

Year	Civilians Killed	Year	Civilians Killed
2004	466	2012	301
2005	524	2013	282
2006	521	2014	222
2007	460	2015	171
2008	490	2016	213
2009	591	2017	188
2010	720	2018	173
2011	469	2019	150



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What is the organisational structure of **CPI (MAOIST)?**

The organization structure at the central level consists of the **Central Committee (CC)** the **Politbureau (PB)** and the **Central Military Commission (CMC)**.

The following departments are under the direct command of CMC:

1. **The Central Technical Committee (CTC).**
2. **Regional Commands (RCs).**
3. **Special Action Teams (SATs). (Assassination Squads)**
4. **Military Intelligence (MI).**
5. **Publications and Editorial Board of 'Jung'.**
6. **Central Military Instructors Team (CMIT).**
7. **Communications.**
8. **Tactical Counter Offensive Campaign (TCOC).**
9. **Peoples Liberation Guerilla Army (PLGA).**

The **CPI (Maoist)** also have an intelligence set-up known as the **Peoples Security Service (PSS)**.



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