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Q20

Naxalism is a social, economic and developmental issue manifesting as a violent internal security threat. In this context, discuss the emerging issues and suggest a multilayered strategy to tackle the menace of Naxalism.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2022 · GS III · 15 marks · Internal Security and Extremism

Linkages between development and spread of extremism.

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LWE

Left Wing Extremism: official term for the Naxal/Maoist armed movement tracked by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

FRA 2006

Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act: titles that undercut alienation narratives if implemented.

PESA 1996

Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act: gram sabha powers in **Fifth Schedule** areas, often weakly applied.

CoBRA

Commando Battalion for Resolute Action: CRPF specialised units for LWE theatre.

SAMADHAN

MHA-articulated multi-pronged approach to LWE: leadership, intelligence, funding cut-off, and related pillars.

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