

## **CRPF neutralized one Maoist, apprehended another and recovered 200 IEDs, Arms Ammunitions in Jharkhand**

On Dec 29th 2022 when the troops of 158 Battalion CRPF and Jharkhand Police were out for an operation against Maoists in the forest area of Korgo, Pesrar, District Lohardaga, Jharkhand, Maoists opened indiscriminate fire on them from well entrenched positions. The troops swiftly took cover and countered the attack with effective fire.

2. In the ensuing encounter the precise retaliation of the security forces, unnerved the Maoists and forced them to flee from the encounter site. The troops pursued them and apprehended two Maoists namely Chandrabhan Pahan and Govind Birjiya. Both were Sub Zonal Committee members having a reward of Rs 5 Lakh each on their head. Chandrabhan Pahan was found to have been injured in the encounter. He was immediately administered First Aid and taken to Sadar Hospital Lohardaga where he succumbed to his injuries. Two Pistols were recovered from the encounter site.

3. From the leads generated from apprehended Maoist Govind Birjiya, the troops recovered 200 IEDs from village Guni that were carefully concealed to avoid detection. Observing the security protocols, the IEDs weighing 1-2 kg each were demolished in situ.

4. As the troops of 158 CRPF and Jharkhand Police conducted extensive search of the area again on 30 Dec 22 they recovered 01 INSAS rifle, 01 SLR, three .303 rifles and huge quantity of ammunition from the forest area of village Korgo, PS Serendag, Lohardaga, Jharkhand.