

Another Milestone in Anti Naxal Operations by CRPF in Jharkhand

Consistent and strategic operation is being carried out by CRPF and Jharkhand police in Jharkhand against the CPI (Maoist) cadres. Naxal operations aimed at apprehending the top leadership of CPI (Maoist) cadres are proving to be immensely successful.

2. On the basis of intelligence input about the movement of notorious maoist group, a meticulously planned operation was launched by the joint team consisting of 203 CoBRA, 134 Bn CRPF and Chatra police. The operation led to neutralisation of Gautam Paswan (BJSAC member and rewardee of Rs 25 Lakh), Ajit Oraon and three others in the Grahe forest area (PS Lawalong, Distt Chatra).

3. The search team was moving in the said forest area when the Maoists opened heavy fire on them. The security force personnel retaliated with exemplary courage and bravery. As the security forces succeeded in pinning the Maoist group down,

some of the Maoist cadres managed to flee. After the encounter, the area was cordoned and a thorough search operation was carried out in the area.

4. During the search operation, dead bodies of 05 Maoists along with automatic weapons, have been recovered. A camp of Maoists has also been destroyed during the said joint operation wherein modern automatic weapons, ammunition and other essential items have also been recovered.

5. The 05 Maoists neutralised during the encounter have been identified as:

- i. Gautam Paswan (BJSAC member and rewardee of Rs. 25 Lakh)
- ii. Ajit Oraon @ Charlis (BJSAC member and rewardee of Rs. 25 Lakh)
- iii. Amar Ganjhu (Sub-Zonal member and rewardee of Rs. 5 Lakh)
- iv. Ajay Yadav @ Nandu (Sub-Zonal member and rewardee of Rs. 5 Lakh)
- v. Sanjeet Bhuiyan (Sub-Zonal member).

Further 02 AK-47 rifles, 01 INSAS rifle, 02 other rifles, hundreds of ammunition and other items of daily use have been recovered. The process of verification of these recovered items is ongoing.

6. This significant success in the bordering area has broken the back of Maoists. Gautam Paswan's team was known to be a strong maoist group that was consistently causing damage to the security forces and local populace.

7. The all-round operations of CRPF and Jharkhand Police continues to eliminate Maoism.

As it is well known, in a joint operation of security forces recently, Budha Pahar (Bordering area of Jharkhand & Chhattisgarh) and Chaibasa-Saraikela-Khunti tri-junction has been freed from the Maoists. Central Reserve Police Force and Jharkhand police, with their adept leadership, adroit planning and firm determination, are consistently committed to eliminate the Maoists completely.