

## NAXALISM AND THE INDIAN STATE

### Aims:

The aims of this assignment are:

1. To understand and analyse the origins of the Naxalite movement in India;
2. To determine the goals and ideology of the Naxalite movement;
3. To try to understand the factors that led to its rise
4. To study past efforts taken by the state and central governments at combating Naxalism and what can be done in the future

### Detailed thematic index:

#### **How Naxalism started in India**

*This section will talk about the origins of the Naxalite movement in India, starting from the uprising in Naxalbari lead by Charu Majumder and other Communist Party of India (Marxist) leaders. It shall also talk of the founding of the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) (CPI (ML)) and its leaders. We shall also seek to define Naxalism.*

#### **Ideologies of the Naxalite Movement**

*This section shall talk about Maoism (the ideology of Mao Zedong), a type of Marxist-Leninist ideology which is followed by the Naxalites. The Historic Eight document authored by Charu Majumder shall also be discussed.*

#### **Factors responsible for the rise and spread of Naxalism**

*In this section, we shall look at how Naxalism spread to different states and its evolution along the way. We shall also look at the failures of the Indian state which may have directly or indirectly pushed the local populations towards accepting the Naxal ideologies. The different parties of the Naxalite movement and their dynamics shall also be explored.*

#### **The Indian State's approach to Counter-insurgency and Naxalism**

*We shall examine the successes and failures of different State and Union governments in tackling Naxalism.*

### Method of study:

This assignment will rely on books, websites (both government and private) and articles to collect information about Naxalism. The sources and authors shall be checked to ensure their credibility. The newspapers which have been referred to are: Times of India, The Hindu, The Economic Times, The Indian Express

**List of sources & studies with a timeline of tasks factoring in sources/studies and themes:**

| Sr. No. | Theme  | Sources   | Time     |
|---------|--|---|----------|
| 1.      | How Naxalism started in India                                  | 1. India after Gandhi, by Ramchandra Guha<br>2. Naxalism: The Maoist Challenge to the Indian State Written by Lennart Bendfeldt, HBF intern, July 2010<br>3. History of Naxalism, Hindustan Times.<br><a href="https://www.hindustantimes.com/india/history-of-naxalism/story-4f1rZukARGYn3qHOqDMEbM.html">https://www.hindustantimes.com/india/history-of-naxalism/story-4f1rZukARGYn3qHOqDMEbM.html</a>   | 15/9/18  |
| 2.      | Ideologies of the Naxalite movement                            | 1. Naxalism: The Maoist Challenge to the Indian State Written by Lennart Bendfeldt, HBF intern, July 2010<br>2. Walking with Comrades, by Arundhati Roy<br>3. Center for Land Warfare Studies<br><a href="http://www.claws.in/1399/ideological-faultlines-of-the-naxal-movement-in-india-shashank-ranjan.html">http://www.claws.in/1399/ideological-faultlines-of-the-naxal-movement-in-india-shashank-ranjan.html</a>  | 23/9/18  |
| 3.      | Factors Responsible for the rise and spread of Naxalism        | 1. Walking with Comrades, by Arundhati Roy<br>2. Naxalite Movement in India: Causes and Solutions, Dr. Abid Ali, Dr. Sant Lal<br>3. India after Gandhi, by Ramchandra Guha<br>4. Inside India's 'red corridor', Al Jazeera.<br><a href="https://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/aljazeeracorrespondent/2011/10/2011101974422887318.html">https://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/aljazeeracorrespondent/2011/10/2011101974422887318.html</a>  | 2/10/18  |
| 4.      | The Indian State's approach to Counter-insurgency and Naxalism | 1. Walking with Comrades, by Arundhati Roy<br>2. Naxalite Movement in India: Causes and Solutions, Dr. Abid Ali, Dr. Sant Lal<br>3. Indian State Counterinsurgency Policies: Brief Historical Summaries by Jacob N. Shapiro, Oliver Vanden Eynde, Katherine Ingram, Emefa Addo Agawu<br>4. Websites: , <a href="https://mha.gov.in">https://mha.gov.in</a> , <a href="http://indiatoday.in">indiatoday.in</a> , <a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com</a> , <a href="https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/">https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/</a> , <a href="https://www.thehindu.com">https://www.thehindu.com</a> | 25/10/18 |