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GS : 3 - SECURITY

Act tough against Maoists, States told

(The Hindu)

- Home Minister asked the Left-Wing Extremism (LWE)-affected States to take "ownership" in leading operations against the Maoists and called for an "aggressive approach" to solve the menace.
- Several States raised the issue of discontinuation of central schemes such as Special Infrastructure Scheme (SIS) and Integrated Action Plan (IAP) and a considerable reduction in central funds as an impediment to winning the war against the Maoists.

Special Infrastructure Scheme (SIS):

- The Scheme of Special Infrastructure in Left Wing Extremism affected States was commenced in 11th five-year plan from the financial year 2008-09 with an outlay of Rs. 500 crores to cater critical infrastructure gaps of Security forces which could not be covered under any other scheme.
- The Scheme has been discontinued from Central assistance from the financial year 2015-16 as per recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission.

Integrated Action Plan (IAP)/ Additional Central Assistance (ACA) for LWE affected districts:

- The Planning Commission had commenced the Integrated Action Plan (IAP) in 2010-11 covering 60 Tribal and Backward districts for accelerated development by providing public infrastructure and services.
- This scheme of ACA was under implementation up to 2014-15 and discontinued from the central assistance from the financial year 2015-16.

GS : 2 - INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION

India elected as President of UN-Habitat

(PIB)

- India has been unanimously elected as the President of the UN-Habitat.
- UN-Habitat, an organ of the United Nations' Organisation (UNO) reports to the United Nations General Assembly.
- This is only the third time that India has been elected as the President of UN-Habitat after 2007 and 1988.
- Subsequent to the election, Union Minister of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation M.Venkaiah Naidu will preside over the deliberations of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat for the next two years.

UN-Habitat:

- UN-Habitat, also known as United Nations Human Settlements Program is a UN agency responsible for sustainable urban development and human settlements.
- It was established in 1978 and has its headquarters in the UN Office at Nairobi, Kenya.
- It is mandated by the United Nations General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all.
- It is also a member of UNDP.
- UN-Habitat works in more than 70 countries in five continents focusing on seven areas: Urban Legislation, Land and Governance; Urban Planning and Design; Urban Economy; Urban Basic Services; Housing and Slum Upgrading; Risk Reduction and Rehabilitation; Urban Research and Capacity Development.

GS : 3 - SECURITY

The Union Home Ministry gives new Doctrine of "SAMADHAN" for use in security operations

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- The Home Minister enunciated an operational strategy 'SAMADHAN' to fight Left Wing Extremism.
- There are 10 LWE affected states- Bihar, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Madhya Pradesh.
- As many as 12,000 citizens had lost their lives in Maoist violence over the last two decades.
- The elements of this strategy are S for Smart Leadership, A for Aggressive Strategy, M for Motivation and Training, A for Actionable Intelligence, D for Dashboard-based Key Result Areas and Key Performance Indicators, H for Harnessing Technology, A for Action Plan for Each Theatre and N for No access to Financing.
- Alongside aggressive operations, road construction works, setting up of telecommunication, power and railway

facilities in the remote areas will be expedited.

- The home minister has also stressed for befitting strategies during the security operations and enhanced intelligence in tackling the Maoists.

GS : 2 - GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES (INDEXES)

Measurement of Liveability Index of Cities

- Ministry of Urban Development will launch measuring of Liveability Index of cities in the next month.
- The index will be based on indigenously evolved methodology.

KEY POINTS:

- The aim of the assessment will be to instil a sense of healthy competition among cities and towns in the country and to help them focus their attention on improving governance and infrastructure availability.
- Cities will be assessed on 15 core parameters relating to Governance, social infrastructure pertaining to education, health and safety and security, economic aspects and physical infrastructure like housing, open spaces, land use, energy and water availability, solid waste management, pollution etc.

MISCELLANEOUS

CORPAT

- CORPAT is a bilateral maritime exercise held between India and Indonesia under the broad ambit of strategic partnership.
- Both countries have been carrying out maritime exercise **twice a year** since 2002.
- The CORPAT exercise between the two navies carries search and rescue operations, institutes measures for vessels indulged in unlawful activities as well as control pollution.
- The main aim of CORPAT is to keep the vital part of the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) safe and secure for commercial shipping, International trade and legitimate marine activities.

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

- WIPO is one of the 17 specialized agencies of the United Nations.
- It was created in 1967 “to encourage creative activity, to promote the protection of intellectual property throughout the world.”
- It has currently 188 member states, administers 26 international treaties, and is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Non-members are the states of Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Solomon Islands, South Sudan and Timor-Leste. Palestine has observer status.
- India is a member of WIPO and party to several treaties administered by WIPO.