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Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation said that Left Wing Extremists and their ideology are against the country's development and bright future. He said that those who do not want mobile towers, roads and other essential facilities in Left Wing Extremism-affected areas, are creating hurdles in the way of a bright future of the youth. Shri Shah said that violence cannot provide jobs and that it is necessary to join the mainstream of society for development and creation of basic infrastructure. He added that tribal youth should play an important role in eradicating the idea of Left Wing Extremism from the country. The Home Minister says that it is the responsibility of the tribal youth to neither tread on the wrong path nor allow others to do so.

Shri Amit Shah said that the tribal youth should tell everyone back home that today, the country is progressing in every field and there are ample opportunities for the tribals in every field. He said that birthplace is not important, but the work a person has done in life is important. He said that wealth, knowledge and respect can only be achieved through hard work.



Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji the Government of India has adopted a policy of zero tolerance against left wing extremism since 2014. As a result of Centre’s zero tolerance policy, the lowest level of violence and deaths has been recorded in 2022 in last 4 decades. There has been a decline of more than 52 per cent in Left Wing Extremism related violence, 69 per cent in deaths, 72 per cent in security forces deaths and 68 per cent in civilian deaths between 2014 and 2023 compared to the period from 2005 to 2014.

The Government of India is taking several steps to speed up the development in Left Wing Extremism-affected states. Special attention is being given to areas like road construction, telecommunication, financial inclusion, skill development and education. The Central government has launched more than 14,000 projects under the Special Central Assistance (SCA) scheme to accelerate development in the districts most affected by Left Wing Extremism, more than 80% of these projects have been completed. Rs. 3,296 crore has been released to Left Wing Extremism-affected states under the scheme. Under the Special Infrastructure Scheme (SIS), projects worth Rs.992 crore have been sanctioned for the construction of Fortified Police Stations, strengthening of State Intelligence branches and Special Forces of Left Wing Extremism-affected states. Under the leadership of PM Modi in last 9 years, the union government has increased the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) by more than double in comparison to the earlier period.

A glimpse at the data on the significant decline in violent incidents of Left Wing Extremism from 2014 to 2023 as compared to 2005 to 2014-

Security achievements related to Left Wing Extremism

Indicators	From May 2005- April 2014	From May 2014- April 2023	Percent Decline
Total Incidents of violence	14,862	7128	52% Decline

Left Wing Extremism related deaths	6035	1868	69% Decline
Security Personnel's Deaths	1750	485	72% Decline
Civilian Deaths	4285	1383	68% Decline
Districts reporting violence	96 (2010)	45 (2022)	53% Decline
Police Stations reporting violence	465 (2010)	176 (2022)	62% Decline

The Ministry of Home Affairs has been running the Tribal Youth Exchange Programme (TYEP) for the last 15 years. The programme is being run through Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. Under this programme, young men and women of the tribal community from the interior areas most affected by Left Wing Extremism are taken on a tour to major cities and metros across the country. The main objectives of this programme are:

- a. Promoting the aspirations of the youth in areas affected by Left Wing Extremism.
- b. Countering the propaganda against the government being spread by CPI Maoists.
- c. Informing the youth of tribal areas about the development activities and industrial progress and to sensitize them about the rich cultural heritage of India.
- d. Deepening the confidence in democratic system in these areas.
- e. Spreading awareness about major development and welfare schemes among the youth of the tribal community.
- f. Developing an emotional bonding between youth belonging to the tribal community and their peer groups in other parts of the country.

In the Tribal Youth Exchange Programme 25,880 youngsters from the tribal community have participated from 2006-07 to 2022-23. Out of these, 20,700 youth have participated in the last 9 years from 2014-15 to 2022-23, and 10,200 youth participated in the last 4 years from 2019-20 to 2022-23. This year 5000 young men and women are participating in TYEP. Earlier, 2000 participants were taking part in this programme every year, which was increased to 4000 in August 2019 and further to 5000 participants per year in 2022.

In this programme, constitutional authorities, senior government officials, outstanding achievers in sports, industry, arts etc., and other role models are invited to interact with the youth. Apart from this, industry exposure trips, activities under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, speech competitions, skill development, career guidance, exposure to sports events, visits to the camps of security forces, and cultural programs, etc. are also organised. Further, when these youngsters return to their native places, a programme is organized whereby they share their experiences with other youth and residents of their area.

Under TYEP, this year youth are being taken on a tour to major cities and metros across the country in 25 groups. Each group will have 200 young men and women from the interior areas most affected by Left Wing Extremism.

Three groups are visiting the national capital New Delhi this year. The first group is visiting Delhi from 15th – 21st October and includes 140 participants from Bijapur, Sukma, Bastar, Dantewada, Kanker, Narayanpur and Rajnandgaon of Chhattisgarh and 60 participants from Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh.

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