

Linkages between development & spread of Extremism

- When a decision is made that fear, terror & violence are justified to achieve ideological, social or pol change, "radicalism" & violent extremism occurs.
- Extremism constitutes views that are far from those of majority pop
 - Not necessarily illegal & don't automatically lead to violence
 - It becomes a concern when those views threaten democratic & tolerant social ideas, or promote use of violence to coerce followers to achieve objectives
- Radicalisation is the social & psychological process of incrementally experienced commitment to extremist pol and religious ideologies.
- Cause & Effect relationship b/w Dvlpt & (E)



Left Wing Extremism * Naxalism is a form of armed insurgency against the state motivated by leftist/maoist ideologies.

Origin & Evolution

- Roots of LWE lie in → leftist/communist pol movements, labour & agrarian unrests, revolutionary societies & tribal revolts during colonial rule.
- After independence, electoral politics dominated by landowners & land reforms not taken up → old exploitative structure continued in different garb. This led to disillusionment & frustration among masses.
- CPI(M) radicals began revolutionary "armed struggle" in Bengal (as nothing substantial realised on ground by forming govt & doubted revolutionary zeal of leaders)

Phases

① Naxalbari Phase (1969-72)

- Movement crystallised into organised armed movement after police firing incident in Naxalbari, Darjeeling, WB in 1967.
- Transformed pol & socio-economic agrarian movement into armed struggle