

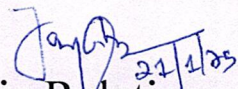


**PRESS NOTE**

**21.01.2025**

**14 Maoists Killed in Joint Operation with Chattisgarh**

1. A joint inter-state operation was launched by Odisha SOG and Chhattisgarh police and CRPF personnel based on intelligence inputs about the presence of a large number of Maoists in the Kularighat reserve forest of Chhattisgarh, just 5 km from the border of Nuapada district of Odisha on night of 19.1.2025
2. Two Maoist Cadres (women) were neutralised in the operation on dated 20.1.2025.
3. Further exchange of fire continued on 21.1.2025 and 12 More Maoists (9 Male and 3 women) have been killed during the ongoing joint interstate operation
4. **One top most Maoist Cadre CCM Member namely Ramachandra Reddy @ Chalapati @ Jayram R/O Dist-Chittur, Andhra Pradesh is among the deceased.**
5. Massive amount of Arms, Ammunition and IEDs have been seized. These include 1 SLR, two 303 Rifle, 1 INSAS, 4 Magazines, 8 Country made weapons, 10 live rounds etc and other incriminating articles.
6. One SOG Jawan got injured in fierce EOF. He has been shifted to hospital and is out of danger.
7. Further identification of other Maoist Cadres is ongoing.
8. In years 2024, 6 Maoists were killed, 8 have been arrested and 24 Maoists have surrendered
9. In 2025, till date, 14 Maoists have been killed.

  
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