



**The Maoist challenge:**  
**India's Future Response**  
**and Envisaged role of the**  
**Armed forces**

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“Naxalism remains the biggest internal security challenge facing our country”

**-Prime Minister, 2006**

# The Maoist menace

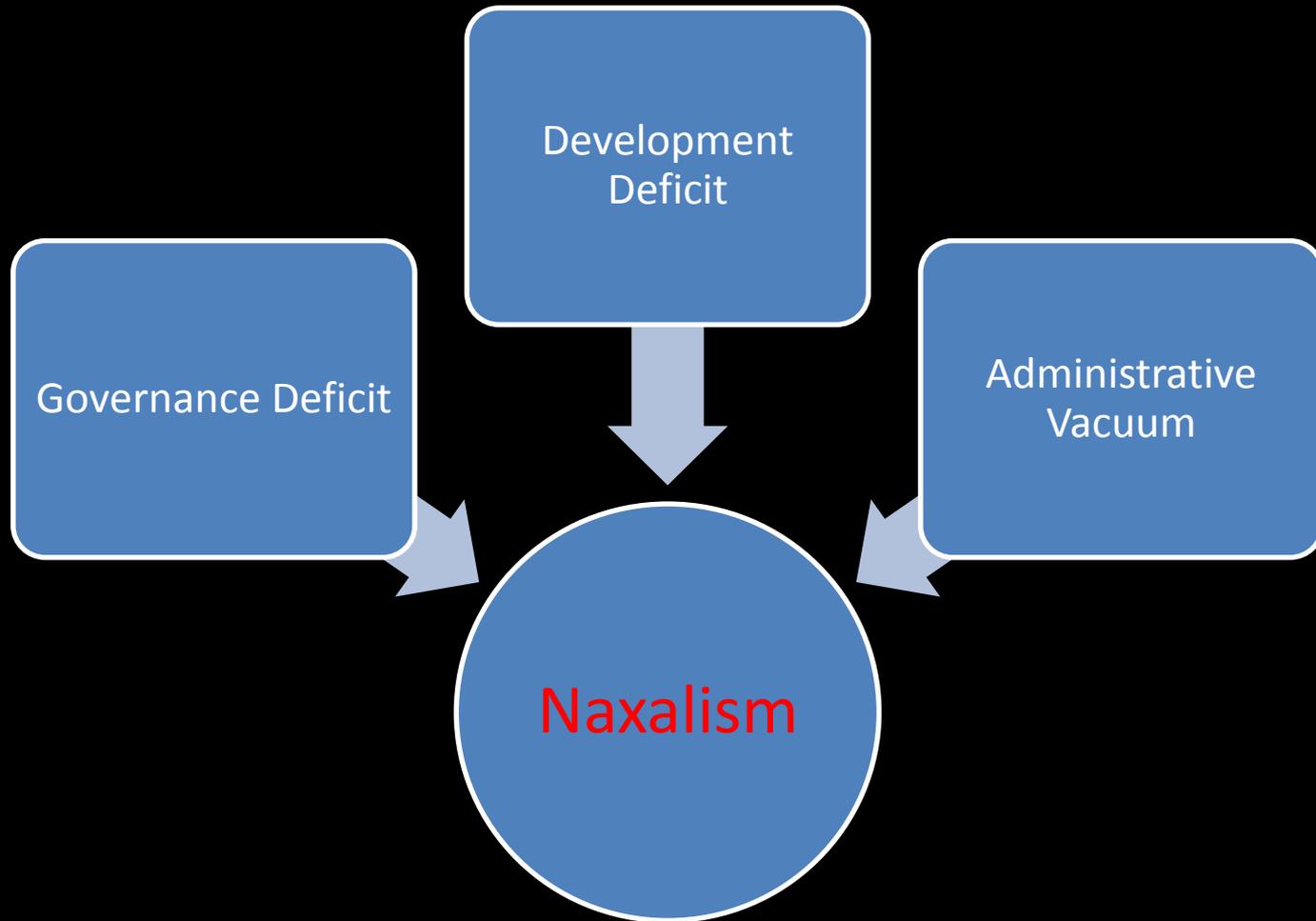




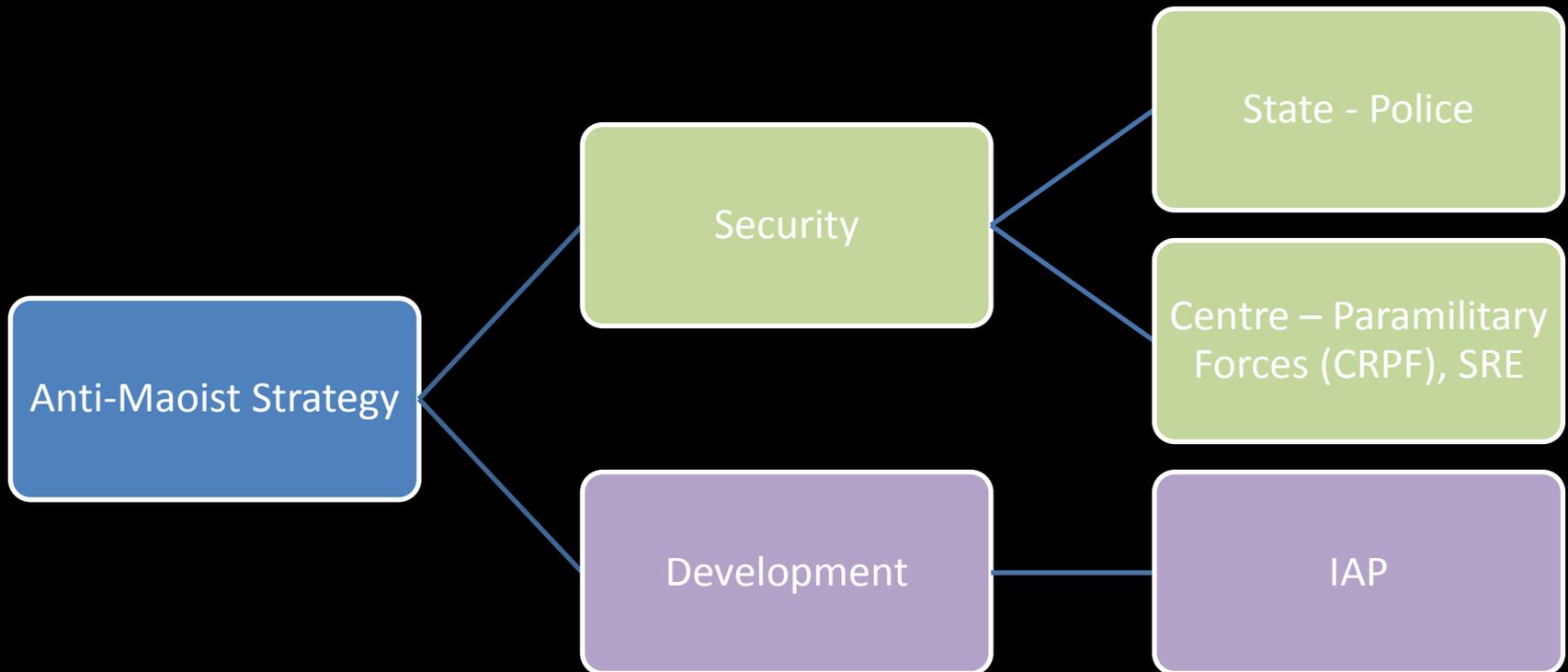




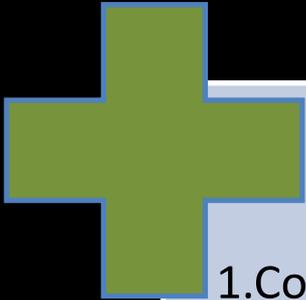
# Causes



# Dealing with Maoism: India's strategy



# Reasons for the Success and Failure



1. Committed Political Will
2. Well Coordinated strategy (Greyhounds+Social Mobilisation programmes)
3. People Centred Development Model

1. Lack of Political will
2. Difficult terrain
3. Administrative callousness
4. Politicisation of administration
5. Lack of awareness of the people
6. Problems with security forces- Leadership and motivation challenges

# Rethinking Strategy

- A mixed bag of success
- Heavy casualties ; Psyche of the nation is disturbed
- Increasing militarisation
- Space for development initiatives becomes narrow

*Hence, need for a fresh take on the Maoist challenge*

# India's Future response

## *'More Development and more Security'*

- Active developmental interventions,
- Transactional and Procedural fairness,
- Transparency,
- Participatory development,
- People centred development and
- Eliminating social deprivation and inequality – Rights based approach

# Armed Forces and the Maoist Challenge

- No Direct involvement
- Reasons:
  - Hostile enemy forces Vs. Internal conflict
  - Logistical and political issues
  - More militarisation - AFSPA

# Envisaged role of Armed Forces

- No direct intervention
- Crucial role in :
  - 👍 Rescue operations,
  - 👍 Training,
  - 👍 Chalking out local strategies and
  - 👍 Bringing discipline, order and morale into the state and paramilitary forces



**Thank You**