



Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah addresses the closing ceremony of Bastar Olympics in Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh

Naxalism will end from entire India including Bastar by 31st March, 2026

In the next 5 years, Bastar division will become the most developed tribal division in the country

The 2026 Bastar Olympics will be held in a Naxal-free Bastar

It is a matter of pride for all of us that more than 700 youths have joined the Bastar Olympics 2025 after giving up Naxalism

Those who surrendered chose hope over fear and development over destruction; this is a developed Bastar envisioned by Modi Ji

Bastar where slogans of 'Lal Salaam' were once raised, now resonates with slogans of 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai'

Only peace can pave the way for development, therefore, Naxalites should lay down their arms, join the mainstream, and avail the benefits of the rehabilitation policy

Arrangements are being made so that players from Bastar can bring glory to the country in the upcoming Commonwealth Games and Olympics

3,91,000 players participated in the Bastar Olympics 2025, which is a two-and-a-half-fold increase, in terms of the increased participation rate of players, the sisters have

surpassed the brothers

We will bring very attractive rehabilitation schemes for those who have surrendered and those who have been victims of Naxal violence

The Central and Chhattisgarh governments are working shoulder to shoulder to create a developed Bastar

Union Home Minister appeals to community leaders and social workers to help in bringing the armed Naxalites back into the mainstream of society by persuading them

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Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah today addressed the closing ceremony of the Bastar Olympics in Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh. On this occasion, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Shri Vishnu Deo Sai, Deputy Chief Minister Shri Vijay Sharma, and many other dignitaries were present.

On this occasion, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah said that we had resolved to eliminate Left Wing Extremism from the entire country before March 31, 2026, and today at the Bastar Olympics-2025, we stand on the cusp of achieving that. He said that by next year, by the time of the Bastar Olympics-2026 in November-December, red terror would have been completely eradicated from the country including Chhattisgarh, and a Naxal-free Bastar will be progressing forward.

Shri Amit Shah said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, we have taken a resolve to make the entire Bastar and India free from Naxalism. He said that we must not stop here, we should rather ensure that the Bastar division comprising the seven districts of Kanker, Kondagaon, Bastar, Sukma, Bijapur, Narayanpur and Dantewada, becomes the most developed tribal division in the country by December 2030. He said that it is our government's resolve to provide every person in Bastar with a house, electricity, toilet, drinking water through tap, gas cylinder, 5 kg food grains and free medical treatment up to 5 lakh rupees. Shri Shah said that we have taken a resolve to make Bastar the most developed tribal division in the country in the next five years. He said that in this effort, under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, the Government of India, and under the leadership of Shri Vishnu Deo Sai, the Chhattisgarh government, will work shoulder to shoulder to move forward in making a developed Bastar.

Union Home Minister said that every village in Bastar will be connected by roads, there will be electricity, banking facilities will be available within a 5-kilometer radius, and our government will also work to create a dense network of PHCs/CHCs. He said that units based on cooperatives will be set up for processing forest produce in Chhattisgarh. He said that all seven districts of Bastar will become the districts that produce the highest quantity of milk among all tribal districts and increase their income through dairying. He said that we will also establish new industries in Bastar, arrangements will be made for higher education, the best sports complex in India and state-of-the-art hospitals will be set up. Shri Shah said that a special scheme will also be run to address malnutrition. He said that we will bring a very attractive rehabilitation policy for those who have surrendered and those who have been injured due to Naxalism. Home Minister said that our goal is to end Naxalism because Naxalites are sitting like a cobra

spreading its hood over the development of this region. He said that with the end of Naxalism, a new beginning of development will start in this area, and under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi ji and Shri Vishnu Deo ji, it will become the most developed region.

Shri Amit Shah said that in the Bastar Olympics-2025, there were seven teams from the seven districts and one team consisting of surrendered Naxalites. He said that it felt very good to see more than 700 surrendered Naxalites participating in these games. He said that those who fall for the deception of Naxalism ruining their entire lives, and more than 700 such youth who have laid down arms and joined the mainstream have today come onto the path of sports. Shri Shah reiterated that by March 31, 2026, this country will be free from Naxalism. Appealing to the Naxalites involved in violence, Shri Shah said that even now, those who are misled and sitting with weapons in their hands—our own people—should lay down their arms, take advantage of the rehabilitation policy, think about their own welfare and that of their families, and join the resolve for a developed Bastar. He said that Naxalism benefits no one—not those who take up arms, not the tribals, and not the security forces. He said that only peace can pave the way for development.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation said that the 700 surrendered Naxalites have come forward as players in these games and set a very big example before the entire country. He said that these players have chosen hope over fear, the path of unity over division, and the path of development over destruction, and this is precisely the vision of Prime Minister Modi ji's New India and a developed Bastar. He said that the culture of our Bastar is one of the richest cultures in the world. He said that the food, environment, art, musical instruments, dance, and traditional games of all the tribes are not only the richest heritage of Chhattisgarh but of the entire India.

Shri Amit Shah said that recently, the Chhattisgarh government has started preserving the traditional songs by building a modern recording studio. He said that many traditional festivals, which were on the verge of extinction under the shadow of the red terror of Naxalism, have also been promoted. He said that a team of officials from the Sports Authority of India has come here to spot the talent of the players who have participated in the Bastar Olympics. Shri Shah said that by recognizing the talent of these players, our government has made arrangements to take the players from Bastar to the level where they can participate in the upcoming Commonwealth Games and Olympic Games. Shri Shah said that last year, 1 lakh 65 thousand players participated in the Bastar Olympics, while this year, 3 lakh 91 thousand players have participated, almost 2.5 times more, and the participation of women has increased by almost three times. He said that seeing this enthusiasm, in the coming days, Prime Minister Modi ji has selected Chhattisgarh for the Khelo India Tribal Games.

Union Home Minister said that Bastar is now changing, and Bastar has now become synonymous with the future rather than fear. Where the echoes of gunfire used to be heard, today the school bells are ringing. Where building roads was once a dream, today railway tracks and highways are being laid. Where slogans of "Lal Salaam" used to be raised, today slogans of "Bharat Mata ki Jai" are being heard. He said that we are all firmly resolved for a developed Bastar. He said that the Government of India and the Chhattisgarh government never had the objective of killing Naxalites in encounters, as more than 2000 Naxalite youths have also surrendered. He said that the leaders of our tribal society have made a very significant contribution to this; their guidance has instilled confidence and courage in the Naxalite youths. The Home Minister, appealing to the tribal leaders and social workers, said that those who are still roaming with weapons in their hands should be persuaded to come back into the mainstream of society.

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