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Persistent mindlessness: On Chhattisgarh's Sukma district encounter

The article at hand talks about a recent attack on our paramilitary forces in Chhattisgarh as the author explores the long-running conflict between the Maoist group and the Chhattisgarh government.

The attack took place when the military units were performing a search operation in the Maoist regions. But while significant blame for the attack can be attributed to the lack of road and telecommunications infrastructure, it was shocking to see a large military force failing to predict an attack. This attack proves that despite facing significant blows over the years, the Maoists remain a fearsome military threat.

Since its inception, the Maoists have been a militant movement that has failed to garner support outside of those living in remote tribal areas, intending to invite state oppression to gain more devotees.

While Chhattisgarh has realized that the conflict can't end via military means, the state government's failure to reach out to Maoist regions remains a major problem. Hence, a non-military solution should not be ignored if Chhattisgarh is to end this conflict.

Words to look out for

Ambush:

- **Synonyms:** trap, capture, attack
- **Antonyms:** defence, resistance, protection
- **Word usage:** The interviewer ambushed Suresh with a barrage of questions.

Combing:

- **Synonyms:** searching, examining, exploring
- **Antonyms:** hiding, abandoning, neglecting
- **Word usage:** The associate was combing through his files to get a document.

Hemmed:

- **Synonyms:** dallied, debated, wobbled
- **Antonyms:** decided, budged, stirred
- **Word usage:** Rohan hemmed over his decision to quit engineering with his parents.

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A Dravidian fort: Regional giants' adaptive ideology has kept national parties as minions in Tamil Nadu

The article at hand talks about the stronghold of Dravidian parties in Tamil Nadu (TN) as the author explores why BJP and Congress have been unable to make a mark in the state. The ongoing Assembly elections in Bengal, Assam, Kerala and Puducherry are huge for BJP because they are high. However, the only exception to this norm has been Tamil Nadu.

Even the situation of Congress in Tamil Nadu is not great either. Since losing power in 1967, Congress has deteriorated in the states and is now playing second fiddle to DMK, the party expected to win the elections this term. The state's seat share is a clear testament to the grip these Dravidian powerhouses DMK and AIADMK possess.

But while the dependency on regional players is comparable for both BJP and Congress, there are different reasons. While Congress remained in a growth-deficient existence here, BJP has not made a mark in the state.

Besides, while Congress had no option but to ally with DMK after Kamaraj's exit, BJP is in an alliance primarily because of its influence at the centre. And since TN has largely avoided polarizing tactics in the name of religion, BJP has found it hard to gain a foothold in the state.

Words to look out for

Predicament:

- **Synonyms:** dilemma, quandary, difficulty
- **Antonyms:** ease, simplicity, modesty
- **Word usage:** Ankit was in a predicament regarding the selection of a college for his graduation.

Diminutive:

- **Synonyms:** tiny, small, wee
- **Antonyms:** Large, humongous, enormous
- **Word usage:** Even though ants are diminutive, they are competent.

Eschew:

- **Synonyms:** shun, avoid, disdain
- **Antonyms:** regard, respect esteem
- **Word usage:** The reporter eschewed the politicians for talking foolishly in the interview.

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