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NAXALISM; A UTOPIA OR REALITY?

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In May 2013, Naxal attacked a political convoy and killed number of Congress leaders including Vidhya Charan Shukla, former union minister. This is one of the examples. Naxal movement killed thousands of people since its inception in early 1970's.

In last 60-65 years, Naxals have expanded their writ and pledged to dismantle the writ of the state. They perceive present system as an adversary. They are by and large willing to establish the dictatorship of the proletariat and that is also in most violent way, which even Karl Marx could not have imagined. They are working tirelessly to achieve their desired goal but unable to achieve till date. They have formed a political party, fought many elections. Wins some seats but they are reducing their power in due course of time. Many analysts have alleged that they are converted into an extortion group and survived financially through this means. They killed thousands of security forces during last 60 years and even today open arm battle between the Naxals and security forces are on. There are many versions about its functioning.

Rajesh Pratap Singh spent four decades as an IPS officer and finally retired few years ago as an additional DG of the CRPF. Singh recalls many things from his memory from his four decades long experience as an IPS officer related to Naxal movement.

Singh stressed that Naxal movement is ideologically propelled movement and must be dealt in an exclusive manner.

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Singh has done adequate justice with the cause. Entire book is must read for all. The book is in English so it enables large class of common readers to know about this moment into the history of our strategic planning and action particularly to containment of Naxal movement.

Singh covers strategic issues like Naxal movement since last many decades and known for their professional excellence in the domain of police system. I wish that this book will be of great use for all concerned.

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