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Maoists' syllabus: People's rebellion, arms training

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Forcibly recruiting tribal children, the Maoists in Bastar region are running their own elementary schools in the interior areas and teaching them the basics of "people's rebellion" along with Mathematics, Science, Environment and training in fire weapons.

Primary school textbooks published by CPI (Maoist) Dandakaranya committee were seized by the police during recent anti-Naxalite operations in the region. One of the chapters in the textbook pertained to the early 19th century Parlokot rebellion by tribals and had a cover-page slogan saying, "aaj pade, aaj lade, janata ko aage le jayen" (learn today, fight today, take the people forward). There were chapters on Geography and health issues, focusing on the spread of malaria and jaundice, which are the most common life threatening diseases in the area.

"We have seized country-made guns during recent raids in South Bastar. These crude guns are being used to impart weapons training to the children attending the Maoist schools," a senior police official engaged in anti-Naxalite operations said.

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