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[Interview with Professor Nandini Sundar](#)
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Nandini Sundar is Professor and Head of the Department of Sociology and Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Delhi University. Trained in philosophy, politics and anthropology at Oxford and Columbia universities, Professor Sundar impressively integrates various disciplines in her work. Her three important books *Subalterns and Sovereigns: An Anthropological History of Bastar, 1854-2006*, *Legal grounds: Natural Resources, Identity and the Law in Jharkhand* and *Branching Out: Joint Forest Management in Four Indian States* (with Roger Jeffery and Neil Thin) place her research at the centre of key questions for those struggling to understand the 'Maoist movement' in central and eastern India. Professor Sundar's public writings are available at www.nandinisundar.blogspot.com. She has also been engaged in litigation on behalf of indigenous people among whom she has worked for many years.



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[Interview with Mr Kunal Majumder](#)
[Journalist, *Tehelka* magazine](#)
[New Delhi, India](#)

Kunal Majumder, a correspondent with *Tehelka* magazine, India's outstanding investigative weekly, has Masters Degrees from the *Sciences Po – Ecole de Journalisme* in Paris and Jamia Millia Islamia in New Delhi where he also did his undergraduate degree in English literature. He has also studied in Finland. Mr Majumder grew up in Dhanbad in the coal-mining region of Jharkhand (formerly part of Bihar). He has recently covered Maoist activity in Chhattisgarh and West Bengal, as well as written stories on children-related issues in northeastern India and Andhra Pradesh.



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[Interview with Dr P.V. Ramana](#)
[Research Fellow, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses](#)
[New Delhi, India](#)

Dr P. V. Ramana, a research fellow at the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses in New Delhi, is a security specialist who has focused on Maoist questions for many years. A native of the Telugu-speaking state of Andhra Pradesh, Dr Ramana is the editor of *The Naxal Challenge: Causes, Linkages and Policy Options* (2008), an author of policy papers and frequent contributor to the media. He has travelled widely in Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh.