

60 DISTRICTS TO GET PARALEGAL SERVICES: JAIRAM

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Union minister for rural development, Jairam Ramesh on Saturday announced the expansion of the paralegal services to 60 selected districts across the country, the first two being Adilabad and Khammam.

Speaking at the inaugural session of the two-day conference on 'Paralegal models to resolve land problems of the poor and tribals in India' held at Nalsar University, the union minister said that there is a set pattern of Naxalite presence across the country and that development is the only way to deal with it.

"When we see the 60 districts identified across the country which have severely affected by extremism, we can see that a typology has emerged. These are the heartland of the country, rich in forest resources, are undeveloped, predominantly have tribal population and are remote and away from power centres. At the core of the development issue lies the issue of land and the biggest attraction that the tribals find towards Maoists ideology is their instant justice toward land issues," he said.