

Chapter 17: The Forest Tradition

Delightful are the forests... Dhammapada, verse 99. [Dhp 99]

For a personal account of life as a bhikkhu with Ajahn Chah, see Breiter 1994. Lewis (1991) describes the tribal people from this area. Naipaul (1990) explains that the Naxalites were a Maoist-inspired terrorist movement that began in Bengal in the 1960s. They moved into the countryside trying to inspire peasants to rise up against the landowners.

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