



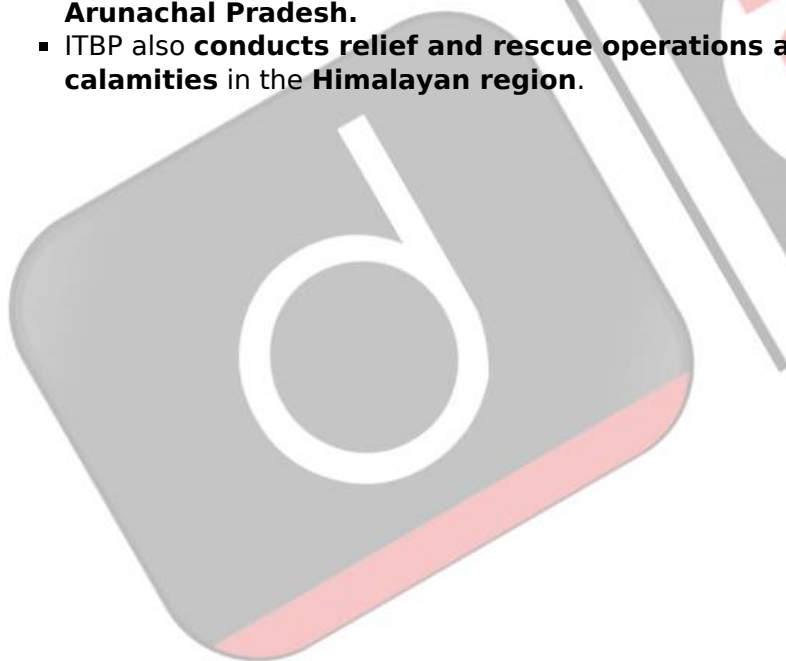
## ITBP Raising Day 2024

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Recently, the Prime Minister greeted **the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)** Himveers and their families on the occasion of ITBP Raising day. ITBP is a **Central Armed Police Force** functioning under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

- It was **raised on 24th October, 1962** during the **India-China War** and is a border guarding police force specialising in high altitude operations.
  - In 2004, based on the center's **“One Border One Force”** recommendation, the entire 3,488 km **India-China border from Karakoram Pass in Ladakh to Jachep La in Arunachal Pradesh** was assigned to the ITBP.
  - The ITBP then took over border guarding duties from the **Assam Rifles** in Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh.
- **Motto: “Shaurya-Dridhata-Karma Nishtha”.**
- Currently, it is posted in **Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, and Arunachal Pradesh.**
- ITBP also **conducts relief and rescue operations as 'First Responders' for natural calamities** in the **Himalayan region.**

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# CENTRAL ARMED POLICE FORCES (CAPF)

The CAPF includes the seven security forces in India functioning under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

## Assam Rifles (AR)

- ↳ **Origin:** 1835, as militia called 'Cachar Levy'
  - ↳ **Erstwhile objective:** To protect British Tea estates
- ↳ **Current Objectives:**
  - ↳ Conducting anti-terrorist operations in NER
  - ↳ Ensuring security at India-China and India-Myanmar borders
- ↳ **Imp Role in:**
  - ↳ Sino-India War 1962
  - ↳ Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) to Sri Lanka (1987)

*Due to long association with tribal belts, Assam Rifles are also called 'Friends of the North East'*

## Border Security Force (BSF)

- ↳ **Origin:** 1965
- ↳ **Objectives:**
  - ↳ Securing land borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh
  - ↳ Also performing Anti-Infiltration in Kashmir Valley
  - ↳ Counter Insurgency in NER
  - ↳ Anti-Naxal Operations in Odisha and Chhattisgarh
- ↳ **Wings:** Air wing, marine wing, an artillery regiment, and commando units

*BSF is India's First Line of Defence and the world's largest border guarding force*

## Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)

- ↳ **Pre-Independence Origin:** 1939 (Crown Representative's Police)
- ↳ **Post Independence:** 1949 - under CRPF Act, became Central Reserve Police Force
- ↳ **Objective:** Crowd control, riot control, counter militancy/insurgency operations, etc.

*CRPF is the principle central police force for internal security*

## Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)

- ↳ **Origin:** 1962
- ↳ **Objectives:**
  - ↳ Deployed on border from Karakoram Pass (Ladakh) to Jachep La (Arunachal Pradesh) (~3488 km of Indo-China Border)
  - ↳ Manning Border Outposts on altitudes 9000 ft - 18700 ft in Western, Middle and Eastern sectors of Indo-China Border

*ITBP is India's specialised mountain force & the first responder to natural disasters*

## National Security Guard (NSG)

- ↳ **Origin:** 1984 (came into being in 1986), following **Operation Blue Star**
- ↳ **Objectives:** Counter-terrorism unit/Federal Contingency Force
- ↳ **Task-oriented Force - Two complementary elements:**
  - ↳ Special Action Group (SAG)
  - ↳ Special Ranger Groups (SRG)

## Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)

- ↳ **Origin:** 1963
- ↳ **Objectives:**
  - ↳ Guarding Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bhutan borders
  - ↳ Enhance border security, curb trans-border crimes, prevent unauthorised entry/exit, halt smuggling, etc.

## Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)

- ↳ **Origin:** Central Industrial Security Force Act, 1968
- ↳ **Objectives:** Ensuring security of major critical infrastructure installations

*CISF is the sole CAPF unit with a specialised fire wing*



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