



## High-Level Security Review Meeting on J&K | Jammu & Kashmir | 20 Dec 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, the **Union Home Minister chaired a high-level security review meeting** on Jammu and Kashmir.

- It was attended by [Lieutenant Governor](#) of Jammu & Kashmir, Union Home Secretary, Director [Intelligence Bureau \(IB\)](#), [RAW](#) Chief, [Chief of Army Staff](#), [GOC-in-C \(Northern Command\)](#), [Director General of Military Operations \(DGMO\)](#), Chief Secretary & DGP of Jammu and Kashmir, heads of [Central Armed Police Forces \(CAPF\)](#) and other senior officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

### Key Points

- **Commitment to a Terror-Free Jammu and Kashmir:**
  - The Union Home Minister reaffirmed the government's resolve to achieve a '**Terror-Free Jammu and Kashmir**' at the earliest.
  - He emphasized that all **necessary resources will be made available** to meet this objective.
  - The unprecedented participation of the people in **Jammu and Kashmir during the Assembly and Lok Sabha elections** reflects their faith in the country's democracy.
- **Progress Against Terrorism:**
  - The Union Home Minister commended security agencies for:
    - A significant **decline in terrorist incidents.**
    - Reduced infiltration activities.
    - Lower recruitment of youth into terrorist organizations.
- **Directives to Security Agencies:**
  - Directed all security agencies to **work in a coordinated manner** to **eradicate terrorism.**
  - Emphasized the need for implementing:
    - [Area Domination Plan](#)
    - [Zero Terror Plan](#) in a mission mode.

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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



## Deduction from School Syllabus | Jammu & Kashmir | 20 Dec 2024

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Recently, the **Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister** assured that a **chapter on Kashmiri [patron Sufi saint](#), Sheikh Noor-Ud-Din Wali, also called Sheikh-ul-Alam, will not be deleted** from class 9 syllabus.

## Key Points

- **Concerns Over Dropping of Chapter on Sufi Saint:**
  - Kulgam MLA **expressed concerns about the reported removal of a chapter on Sheikh-ul-Alam**, the revered **Sufi saint**, from the Class IX textbook.
  - He termed the decision “deeply troubling” and criticized it as **unacceptable for a society deeply rooted in Sufi traditions**.
  - He also urged the Chief Minister to intervene and ensure the reinstatement of the chapter to **preserve the region's rich cultural and Sufi heritage**.
- **Response from CM:**
  - The Chief Minister responded that the **chapter will not be deleted**.
  - The Education Minister directed the Principal Secretary to **investigate and rectify the issue found** in the PDF version of the textbook.
- **Criticism by Peoples Conference Chief:**
  - This incident was described as **“cultural terrorism”** and an assault on **Kashmir's culture and ethos**.
  - The **saint's teachings were highlighted as a beacon of hope and a role model**, especially in current times of violence, greed, and hatred.

## Sheikh Ul Alam



- **Early Life:**
  - Born in the **14<sup>th</sup> century** in a **small village in Kashmir**.
  - **Raised in a devout Islamic household**, deeply rooted in **Kashmir's cultural heritage**.
  - Childhood marked by **simplicity, peace, and early exposure to spiritual teachings**.
- **Influences and Education:**
  - Grew up in a Kashmir rich in **Sufi traditions, Persian poetry, and ancient Vedic knowledge**, fostering harmony and inclusiveness.
  - Displayed a strong passion for **spiritual awakening and poetry** from a young age.
  - Pursued knowledge under the guidance of renowned academics and Sufi masters.
- **Teachings and Philosophy:**
  - Emphasized **spiritual wisdom, unity, and social consciousness**.
  - His **teachings reflect the harmony of diverse traditions** and the pursuit of inner peace.
- **Legacy:**

- Left an indelible mark on Kashmiri culture, the Sufi tradition, and beyond.
- **Remembered as a spiritual and literary icon** whose lessons continue to inspire.

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