



## Prahari App

### Why in News?

Recently the Union Home minister launched 'Prahari' app for [Border Security Force \(BSF\) Jawans](#).

- **The Ministry also revised 13 BSF manuals to increase the understanding of the administration**, training and operations of the border guarding organization.
- These manuals will help speed up the tasks of the BSF jawans. They will ease the work of all ranks of BSF jawans and officers.

### What are the Key Features of the App?

- Through the 'Prahari' app, jawans can get **personal and service-related information, housing**, Ayushman- Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and leave related information on their mobile.
- **Other Features of the App Include:**
  - Availability of Bio Data
  - Grievance redressal on ["Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System" \(CP-GRAMS\)"](#)
  - Information on various welfare schemes
- The app will also connect the Jawans with the **portal of the Ministry of Home Affairs**.

### What is BSF?

- The BSF was raised in 1965, after the India-Pakistan war.
- It is one of the [seven Central Armed Police Forces](#) of the Union of India under the administrative control of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).
  - Other Central Armed Police Forces are: Assam Rifles (AR), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), National Security Guards (NSG) and Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).
- It is deployed on Indo-Pakistan International Border, Indo-Bangladesh International Border, [Line of Control \(LoC\)](#) along with Indian Army and in [Anti-Naxal Operations](#).
- It has an air wing, marine wing, an artillery regiment, and commando units.
  - BSF has been defending [Sir Creek](#) in Arabian Sea and [Sundarban delta](#) in the Bay of Bengal with its state of art fleet of Water Crafts.
  - BSF has an instrumental role in helping state administration in maintaining Law and Order and conducting peaceful elections.
  - BSF has been crusading against natural calamity to save precious human lives as and when warranted.
- It contributes dedicated services to the [UN peacekeeping Mission](#) by sending a large contingent of its trained manpower every year.
- It has been termed as the **First Line of Defence of Indian Territories**.
- The Border Security Force has been awarded numerous gallantry awards including one [Mahavir Chakra](#), 4 [Kirti Chakras](#), 13 Vir Chakras and 13 Shaurya Chakras.

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