



## 60th Raising Day of BSF

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### Why in News?

On **1<sup>st</sup> December, 2024**, Prime Minister extended his greetings to the [Border Security Force \(BSF\)](#) on their **60th Raising Day**, emphasizing the importance of the force in safeguarding India's borders.

### What is BSF?

- About: BSF was established in 1965 following the [India-Pakistan war](#) to enhance border security.
  - The BSF has an **air wing, marine wing, an artillery regiment, and commando units**.
  - It works under the administrative control of the **Ministry of Home Affairs**.
- **Deployment:** The **BSF**, comprising approximately **2.6 lakh personnel**, is deployed on the **Indo-Pakistan International Border, Indo-Bangladesh International Border, [Line of Control \(LoC\)](#)** along with the Indian Army and in [Anti-Naxal Operations](#) regions.
- **Specialized Operations:** The BSF plays a crucial role in safeguarding areas such as [Sir Creek in the Arabian Sea](#) and the [Sundarbans delta](#) in the Bay of Bengal, utilizing a modern fleet of watercraft.
  - Additionally, it contributes to the [UN peacekeeping Mission](#) by deploying trained personnel to various global locations each year.
- **Jurisdiction of BSF:** The BSF secures India's borders and is empowered to arrest, search, and seize under various laws, including the [Code of Criminal Procedure \(CrPC\) of 1973](#), Passports Act 1967, [Passport \(Entry into India\) Act 1920](#), and [Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act \(NDPS\), 1985](#).

### Note

**Under Article 355**, the **central government** has the authority to deploy its forces to safeguard a state from **external aggression and internal disturbance**, even in cases where the state has not requested assistance from the Centre and is hesitant to accept **central forces**.

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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*



## UPSC Civil Services Examination Previous Year Question (PYQ)

### Prelims:

**Q. Department of Border Management is a Department of which one of the following Union Ministries? (2008)**

- (a) Ministry of Defence
- (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (c) Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways
- (d) Ministry of Environment and Forests

**Ans: (b)**

**Q. Which one of the following is the best description of 'INS Astradharini', that was in the news recently? (2016)**

- (a) Amphibious warfare ship
- (b) Nuclear-powered submarine
- (c) Torpedo launch and recovery vessel
- (d) Nuclear-powered aircraft carrier

**Ans: (c)**

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