



CRPF Chief Reviews J&K Security

Why in News?

The Director General of the [Central Reserve Police Force \(CRPF\)](#) reviewed the security situation and assessed the force's operational preparedness during a two-day visit to the forward areas in **Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district**.

Key Points

- **Meeting with Lieutenant Governor:**
 - The Director General met [Lieutenant Governor](#) and briefed him on the force's preparedness for [counter-terrorism operations](#) and law-and-order management.
- **Interaction with Personnel:**
 - He visited the newly established **Kopra Counter Insurgency camp** under the **CRPF's 237 Battalion in Kopratoop**, an area that has experienced significant terror activity over the past four years.
 - He also **interacted with officers and jawans**, listening to their operational experiences and addressing their concerns.
 - He emphasized the need for personnel to maintain a strong commitment to duty while also **ensuring a healthy work-life balance**.

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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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