



BSF Raising Day

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56th 'Raising Day' event of the **Border Security Force (BSF)** was held on **1st December 2020** in **New Delhi**.

Key Points

- The BSF was raised in **1965 after the India-Pakistan war**.
- It is one of the **five Central Armed Police Forces** of 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).
- The 2.65-lakh force is deployed along the **Pakistan and Bangladesh borders**. 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 conduct of **peaceful election**.
 - 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**.

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