



BSF Launches 'Operation Alert'

Why in News?

The [Border Security Force \(BSF\)](#) has launched a week-long security operation called '**Operation Alert**' along the [Indo-Pak](#) border in Rajasthan.

Key Points

- **About:** The operation will run between 11th August 2025 to 17th August 2025 and is aimed at strengthening security and preventing any infiltration attempts ahead of [India's Independence Day](#).
- **Objectives:**
 - **Strengthen surveillance** to prevent **infiltration and smuggling**, especially in the sensitive areas adjoining Sriganganagar and Bikaner.
 - Respond to intelligence reports suggesting potential disturbances orchestrated by Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) leaders in Pakistan.
 - Focus on preventing [narcotic smuggling via drones](#), particularly in areas prone to such activities.
- **Personnel Involved:** BSF soldiers and officers from all branches are participating in the operation, with additional soldiers deployed to sensitive areas.
 - The BSF will also **conduct outreach programs** with border residents to increase awareness and cooperation.

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