



ITBP Raising Day 2024

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Recently, the Prime Minister greeted **the [Indo-Tibetan Border Police \(ITBP\)](#)** Himveers and their families on the occasion of ITBP Raising day. ITBP is a [Central Armed Police Force](#) functioning under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

- It was **raised on 24th October, 1962** during the [India-China War](#) and is a border guarding police force specialising in high altitude operations.
 - In 2004, based on the center's **“One Border One Force”** recommendation, the entire 3,488 km **India-China border from [Karakoram Pass](#) in Ladakh to Jachep La in Arunachal Pradesh** was assigned to the ITBP.
 - The ITBP then took over border guarding duties from the [Assam Rifles](#) in Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh.
- **Motto: “Shaurya-Dridhata-Karma Nishtha”.**
- Currently, it is posted in **Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, and Arunachal Pradesh.**
- ITBP also **conducts relief and rescue operations as 'First Responders' for natural calamities** in the **Himalayan region.**

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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