



High-Level Security Review Meeting on J&K

Why in News?

Recently, the **Union Home Minister chaired a high-level security review meeting** on Jammu and Kashmir.

- It was attended by **Lieutenant Governor** of Jammu & Kashmir, Union Home Secretary, Director **Intelligence Bureau (IB)**, **RAW** Chief, **Chief of Army Staff**, **GOC-in-C (Northern Command)**, **Director General of Military Operations (DGMO)**, Chief Secretary & DGP of Jammu and Kashmir, heads of **Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF)** and other senior officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Key Points

- **Commitment to a Terror-Free Jammu and Kashmir:**
 - The Union Home Minister reaffirmed the government's resolve to achieve a **'Terror-Free Jammu and Kashmir'** at the earliest.
 - He emphasized that all **necessary resources will be made available** to meet this objective.
 - The unprecedented participation of the people in **Jammu and Kashmir during the Assembly and Lok Sabha elections** reflects their faith in the country's democracy.
- **Progress Against Terrorism:**
 - The Union Home Minister commended security agencies for:
 - A significant **decline in terrorist incidents.**
 - Reduced infiltration activities.
 - Lower recruitment of youth into terrorist organizations.
- **Directives to Security Agencies:**
 - Directed all security agencies to **work in a coordinated manner** to **eradicate terrorism.**
 - Emphasized the need for implementing:
 - **Area Domination Plan**
 - **Zero Terror Plan** in a mission mode.

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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