

84th CRPF Day

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Why in news?

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah attended the 84th Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Day in Chhattisgarh's Bastar district.

Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)

What is Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)?

- CRPF is one of the oldest Central para military forces (now termed as Central Armed Police Force) and it comes under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- CRPF came into existence as Crown Representative's Police on 27th July 1939.
 - It became the Central Reserve Police Force on enactment of the CRPF Act in December 1949.
- It is All India in character, both in deployment and in its composition.
- CRPF has, over the years, acquired the distinction of being perhaps the most acceptable Force, by the people and the State administrations.
 - This is due to its unique capability to quickly adapt to various situations, and also, to work in perfect harmony with the State Police.

What are the Broad gamut of duties performed by the CRPF?

- Crowd & Riot control
- Counter Militancy / Insurgency operations/Dealing with Left Wing Extremism
- Overall co-ordination of large-scale security arrangement especially with regard to elections in disturbed areas.
- Protection of VIPs and vital installations.
- Checking environmental de-gradation and protection of local Flora and Fauna
- Fighting aggression during War time
- Participating in UN Peace Keeping Mission
- Rescue and Relief operations at the time of Natural Calamities.

News Summary: 85th CRPF Foundation Day

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah, on the occasion of 84th CRPF Day, lauded the contributions of CRPF to the internal security of the nation.

Key highlights of the speech delivered by Union Home Minister at the 84th CRPF day

- For the first time CRPF Day is being celebrated in a Naxalite area. CRPF has contributed to the internal security of the nation.
- CRPF has shown its best during past elections in the country.
- CRPF has fought against Naxals and has brought them down in many areas of the country.

- It was due to the CRPF personnel who died fighting Maoists that the nation was in the last phase of achieving victory against the insurgency in the tribal state.
 - There is a 76 per cent decrease in Naxal activities as compared to 2010.
 - The Union Home Minister praised and thanked the 75 CRPF women personnel who embarked on a bike ride from Delhi and travelled over 1,800 km to reach Bastar.
 - The minister also highlighted the humanitarian works by CRPF in Naxal regions.
 - CRPF set up over 110 medical camps in Naxal-affected areas and provided help to 18,000 tribals with free medicines worth crores.
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Q1) What is Left Wing Extremism?

Left-wing extremism (LWE) is a term used to describe political ideologies and movements that seek to create a society based on principles of socialism, communism, or anarchism, and that use violent or illegal means to achieve their goals. Left-wing extremist groups often oppose capitalist economic systems and advocate for the redistribution of wealth and resources to the working class and marginalized communities.

Q2) What was Crown Representative's Police ?

Crown Representative's Police (CRP) was a British government agency that existed between 1921 and 1925. Its primary role was to assist the Royal Irish Constabulary (RIC) in maintaining law and order in Ireland during a period of heightened political tensions and violence known as the Irish War of Independence.

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