

Border Security Force (BSF) Raising Day

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Why in News?

- Border Security Force (BSF) celebrates its **Raising Day on 1 December every year.**
- **It was on December 1, 1965 that the first sector of the Punjab Frontier of the BSF was raised with its headquarters in Jalandhar.**
- Currently, BSF comprises 2.65 lakh personnel, deployed across the international border in 193 battalions.
- BSF plays a crucial role in containing unauthorized entry into or exit from the territory of India and it prevents transborder crimes.
- It also works towards stopping illegal activities such as smuggling.
- After the Indian Army, the **BSF is the only Central Armed Police Force in the nation that has an independent air wing, effective artillery regiment**, dedicated marine division and a special intelligence branch.
- The BSF is also the sole paramilitary organisation globally to use an **active camel cavalry to patrol the sands of the Thar Desert**, which comprise of the common border between India and Pakistan.

- **The ‘Creek Crocodile - a Quick Reaction Team made of BSF commandos** – was also raised to counter threats like that of 26/11.
 - They guard the brackish waters of the Kutch region in Sir Creek to prevent cross-border infiltration.
 - Despite being a border force, more than 7,000 women of all ranks are serving in the force on the eastern and western theatre.
 - This year, BSF will be celebrating its raising day for the first time in Punjab and second time outside Delhi
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Q1) What is the motto of BSF?

With the slogan of ‘Duty until death’ BSF has the important duty of protecting the national borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh

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