

Central Reserve Police Force

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Recently, the Lok Sabha Speaker extended greetings to all the soldiers, officers, and their families on the Foundation Day of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).

About Central Reserve Police Force

- It is a premier **central police force of the Union of India**, entrusted with the critical **task of maintaining internal security**.
- It functions under the authority of **the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)** of the Government of India.
- The force is **headed by a Director General** and is further divided into four zones located in **Jammu, Kolkata, Hyderabad, and Guwahati**, each under the command of Special Directors General (DGs).

Historical Background

- It was initially established as the **Crown Representatives Police on July 27, 1939**, in response to escalating political turmoil and unrest within the princely states.

- Post-independence, it became the Central Reserve Police Force on enactment of the **CRPF Act on 28th December 1949**.

Key Functions of Central Reserve Police Force

- **Crowd Control and Riot Control:** CRPF personnel are trained in crowd management techniques to handle large gatherings, protests, and demonstrations.
- **Counter-Insurgency Operations:** CRPF battalions deployed in areas facing insurgency threats are well-equipped and specially trained for combat operations.
- **Critical Infrastructure Protection:** Approximately 8.5% of CRPF personnel are dedicated to protecting critical Central and State Government facilities, especially in insurgency-affected regions.
- **UN Peacekeeping Missions:** CRPF personnel have a commendable record of contributing to international peacekeeping efforts under the UN flag.
- **Disaster Management:** The force actively participates in rescue and relief operations during natural disasters like floods, earthquakes, and cyclones.

Special Units of Central Reserve Police Force

- **Rapid Action Force (RAF):** The Rapid Action Force (RAF) is a specialized unit of the CRPF established in October 1992 to handle riots and public disturbances.
- **Commando Battalion for Resolute Action (CoBRA):** The Commando Battalion for Resolute Action (CoBRA) is a specialized unit created to conduct guerrilla and jungle warfare operations.
- **Mahila Battalions:** The CRPF is the only paramilitary force in India with six all-women battalions.

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