

## **Border Security Force**

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Why is in news? PM Modi greets & appreciates BSF on its raising day

Border Security Force is celebrating its raising day today, December 1.

India's first line of Defence, BSF was established on **1 December 1965** for **ensuring security on the borders of India.** 

BSF plays a crucial role in containing **unauthorized entry into or exit** from the territory of India and it **prevents transborder crimes**, prevent **smuggling and any other illegal activity**.

At present BSF is holding 192 (including 03 NDRF) Batallions and 07 BSF Arty Regiments guarding **International Border** with Pakistan and Bangladesh.

In addition, BSF is also performing **Anti-Infiltration role** in Kashmir Valley, **Counter Insurgency** in North East region, Anti Naxal Operations in Odisha and Chhattisgarh states and **security of Integrated Check Posts** along Pakistan and Bangladesh International Border.

## **Others:**

BSF contributes its personnel every year for UN Missions.

During the Kargil conflict 1999, the BSF remained on the heights of the mountains and defended the integrity of the country with all the might at its command in unison with the Army.

BSF personnel have been performing Internal Security Duty in Manipur for the last 10 years and have been successfully fighting insurgency in those areas.

During the earthquake in Gujarat on 26th January 2001, the BSF was the first to reach out to help the distressed people.

The BSF is handling the security issues on the famous Kartarpur Corridor.

BSF is deployed at various ICP and LCS on Borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh.

BSF has sensitized people living in Border areas during Covid epidemic and provided them necessary support/help under Civic Action Program.

At the time of natural disaster/calamities, BSF provides assistance in areas of deployment such as Kashmir flood in 2014, Kerala flood in 2018 and Kedarnath Tragedy in 2013.