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Rapid Action Force

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Why is in news? MoS for Home, Ajay Kumar Mishra attends 30th RAF Anniversary Parade; says, RAF plays key role to keep peace in country

The Rapid Action Force (RAF) is a **specialised wing of the Central Reserve Police Force** of India to **deal with riot and crowd control situations**.

RAF was raised on 11 December 1991 with headquarters in New Delhi.

It became fully operational on 7 October 1992, **to deal with riots, riot like situations, crowd control, rescue and relief operations, and related unrest**.

The first five battalions were raised by October 1992 and an additional 5 battalions were added in April 1994.

Currently, the RPF battalions have been **strategically located in 15 cities** across the country.

On 9 November 2013, the **RAF Academy of Public Order** was established in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh.

RAF is **commanded by an Inspector-General of Police (IGP)**, functioning at New Delhi.

Each battalion is headed by a **Commanding Officer (CO)**, an officer of the rank of Commandant.

Motto is "**Serving Humanity with Sensitive Policing**".

The RPF is a zero response force as it gets into a crisis situation within a minimal time and is always kept in readiness for rapid deployment, thus enthusing an immediate sense of security and confidence among the general public.

The Force is **equipped with non-lethal weapons** for dispersing the crowd with minimum harm.

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