

Q. The multifarious experience of CAPF has helped greatly in combating the pandemic.

Discuss (200 words)

A. Central Armed Police forces (CAPF) are managed & headed by MHA/IPS officers. CAPF protect the borders of India, assist state governments, aiding in internal security etc. besides assisting the civilian population through various development programs.

However, CAPF geared up into new avatar in fighting against the invisible enemy of the Corona pandemic. All the

7 wings of the CAPF ^{are} playing a gallant role.

① ITBP/Indo-Tibetan Border Police

→ first initiator of efforts against covid-19 among all the forces. (600 beds)

→ Chhawa quarantine centre in 2 days, 10000 bed quarantine centre at Chhatrapur (largest in the world) are notable achievements

→ first to create SOPs for hospitals & quarantines

② BSF/Border Security Force

→ distribution of ration & emergency items
→ medical camps, masks distribution

③ CRPF/Central Reserve Police Force

- ↳ Set up help line, quick-reaction teams
- ↳ community work, HDU, ICU beds

④ CISF / Central Industrial Security Force

- ↳ protective gear & healthcare equipment to all its personnel
- ↳ Isolation facilities in all CISF units

⑤ ^{AR} SSB, NSG, RPF are also acting in their suit in the battle against covid.

⑥ NDRF / National Disaster Response Force

- ↳ Rescue & relief operations, training the state disaster response forces
- ↳ Testing the immigration officials
- ↳ NDRF personnel are wholly drawn from CAPFs are trained & equipped during CBRN emergencies.

However, there is a need to augment the resources for CAPFs to propel them for a greater trajectory. There is a need to augment the strength of trained (medically) personnel. Stress and depression relief programmes for the personnel should be envisaged to further boost their spirit.

By countering covid-19 through different schemes backed by their indomitable spirit & unflinching resolve, CAPF has been taking all conceivable steps to assist India.