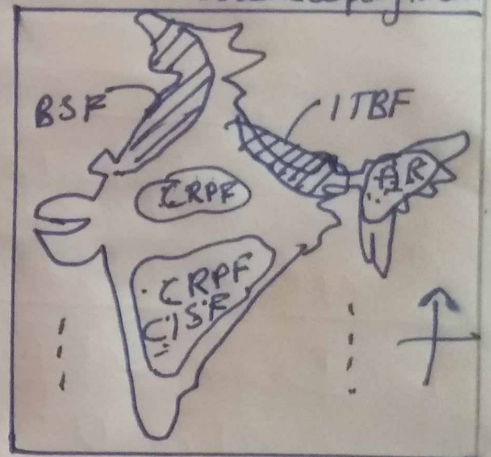


64. The multifarious experience of Central Armed Police forces has helped greatly in combating the pandemic. Discuss.

The CAPF - Central Armed Police force under Ministry of Home Affairs is an amalgamation of 7 forces like BSF, CISF, CRPF, ITBF, SSB, NSG, AR which overlook external aggression, infiltration, state help, insurgency and also during disaster time like earthquake, pandemic etc;

Figure: CAPF and its areal deployment



Multifarious experience:

1. Remote location access:

1. ITBF and Assam Rifles around Uttar Pradesh and North East.
2. Help tribal people by giving medicines, essential rations - pandemic

2. Quarantine Centre at Delhi airport:

1. ITBF => segregation of COVID patients
2. Disaster management in Delhi hotspot areas

3. Work from home:

1. By CAPF personnel in their native place.
2. Supply of medicine, food to ill patients in quarantine centre and home.

4. Maintained law and order - COVID-19:

1. CAPF personnel deployed in Madhya Pradesh during lockdown
2. Sec-144 effectively managed to decrease the active cases and spread of virus

Effectiveness of using CAPF personnel:

1. Trained for any CBRNE disaster.
2. Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear Emergency - (i.e.) NDRF - COVID 19.
3. Rapid deployment to assist State Government
4. Man power - achieved for combating pandemic

Concerns in the CAPF deployment:

1. Necessary disease pandemic (abnormal) was not a pre-requisite training being provided.
2. Stress buildup since multi-task role provided to CAPF personnel without time management.
3. 12 battalion - NDRF => less manpower during pandemic which has to be reviewed.

Future Prospects:

1. Training should be given to combat pandemic.
2. UN Convention on Biological disaster has to be covered in domestic policy; NDRF guidelines
3. Health personnel should be also be a part of CAPF