

CAPF Punarvaas

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In news— Recently, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs has launched 'CAPF Punarvaas' through the Welfare and Rehabilitation Board (WARB).

About CAPF Punarvaas-

- It aims to facilitate retired Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) and Assam Rifle personnel to secure employment with private security agencies.
- The portal will help retired personnel seeking re-employment to find an appropriate match by uploading their personal details on the WARB website along with their area of expertise and preferred employment location.
- The Ministry of Home Affairs also runs a portal under Private Security Agencies Regulation Act (PSARA) for the registration of Private Security Agencies (PSAs).
- Both websites have now been interlinked whereby the database of retired CAPFs personnel who have applied on 'CAPF Punarvaas' can be accessed by PSAs through PSARA website resulting in a single platform for both job seekers and job providers.
- This new initiative of Ministry of Home Affairs provides access to the data base under 'CAPFs Punarvaas' to PSAs digitally.
- PSAs will benefit by accessing the database of retired and willing personnel of CAPFs who are well trained in providing security and other security related services.

Central Armed Police Force (CAPF)-

CAPF refers to the uniform nomenclature of seven central armed police organisations of India under the authority of the MHA. Their role is to defend the national interest mainly against the internal threats.

CAPFs includes-

1. The Assam Rifles (AR).
2. Border Security Force (BSF).
3. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).
4. Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).
5. Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).
6. National Security Guard (NSG).
7. Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).

Functioning of CAPFs-

- They function under the administrative control of the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- However, its operational control rests with the Ministry of Defence.
- Of the CAPFs, the AR, BSF, ITBP and SSB are Border Guarding Forces.
- The NSG is a commando trained force Organisation in India and is used for special operations.
- The CISF provides security and protection to industrial undertakings and vital installations.
- The CRPF is deployed in aid of civil power in matters relating to maintenance of law and order, internal security and counterinsurgency.
- These personnel also serve in various important organisations such as Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), Special Protection Group (SPG), National Investigation Agency (NIA), Intelligence Bureau (IB), Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) State Armed Police Force (Jharkhand Jaguars, Bihar Military Police etc.) on deputation and have attachment/training in various levels/formations/courses along with the Indian Army.
- Their role and performance, therefore, assumes a great significance due to the special features of an emergency force which is pressed in aid to the civil power to

perform multiple roles in extremely difficult situations.

- The CAPF's are headed by DGP rank officers.

Welfare and Rehabilitation Board (WARB)-

- The Welfare and Rehabilitation Board (WARB) was established by the Ministry of Home Affairs for welfare and rehabilitation of the Central Police Force personnel (CPF).