

# Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)

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## About Sashastra Seema Bal

- Under the aegis of the Ministry of Home Affairs and a part of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF).
- It is headquartered in New Delhi and three frontier headquarters are at Lucknow (UP), Patna (Bihar) and Guwahati (Assam).
- Earlier the Special Service Bureau was raised in the 1960s with the sole objective of achieving 'Total security preparedness' in the remote border areas for performing a 'stay-behind' role in the event of a war.
- It was established as a Special Service Bureau in May 1963, in the aftermath of the Chinese aggression in 1962.
- It was declared a lead intelligence agency for Indo Nepal in June 2001 and assigned the Indo Nepal border.
- In 2004, it was also assigned the Indo Bhutan border.

## Responsibilities OF SSB

- To promote a sense of security among the people living in the border areas.
- To prevent trans border crimes and unauthorized entry into or exit from Indian territory.
- To prevent smuggling and other illegal activities on Indian frontiers.

## Central Armed Police Forces

- **National Security Guard (NSG):** The National Security Guard (NSG) is a counter terrorism unit which was raised in 1984, following Operation Blue Star.
- **Assam Rifles (AR):** The Assam Rifles came into being in 1835, as a militia called the 'Cachar Levy'.
- **Border Security Force (BSF):** Responsible for guarding

India's land borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh.

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- **Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP):** ITBP is a specialized mountain force and most of the officers and men are professionally trained mountaineers and skiers.
- **Central Industrial Security Force (CISF):** Provides security cover to nuclear installations, space establishments, airports, seaports, power plants, sensitive Government buildings and ever heritage monuments.