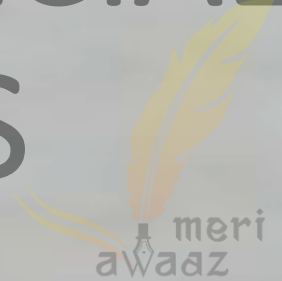




# INDIAN SPECIAL FORCES



# IF WE ALREADY HAVE ARMED FORCES, WHY DO WE NEED SPECIAL FORCES AS WELL?

FOREIGN POLICIES

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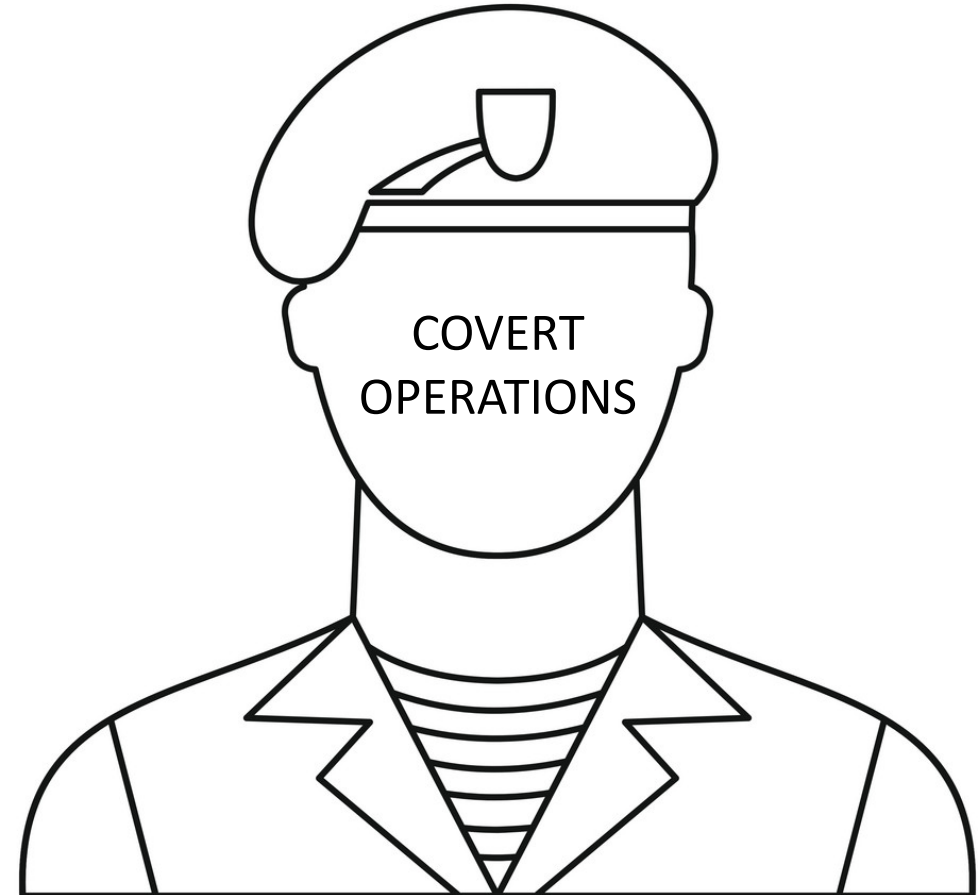
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# OPERATIONS CARRIED OUT BY SPECIAL ARMED FORCES



# SPECIAL ARMED FORCES OF INDIA

MARCOS

COBRA

FORCE ONE

GHATAK FORCES

PARA  
COMMANDERS

GARUD  
COMMANDO  
FORCE

SPECIAL  
FRONTIER  
FORCE

NATIONAL  
SECURITY  
GUARDS

SPECIAL  
PROTECTION  
GROUP



# DID YOU KNOW?

- MARCOS is a special forces unit that was raised by the Indian Navy in the year 1987 and their motto is 'The few the fearless'.
- MARCOS trainees have to undergo one of the world's toughest courses that can last up to three years, depending on the specialization. They go through a pre training procedure, a five week long hells week and then multiple defence training courses.
- MARCOS commanders are called "Dadiwala fauj" by the terrorists because of their bearded disguise in civil areas.





# DID YOU KNOW?

- The full form of COBRA is Commando Battalions for Resolute Action.
- COBRA are a specialized force which has been raised for jungle warfare type operations for dealing with extremists, insurgents etc. Also known as a 'Jungle Warriors', these personnel are selected from amongst CRPF personnel.
- Set up with a grant of Rs 13,000 million, COBRA is one of the best-equipped paramilitary forces in India.





# DID YOU KNOW?

- Force one came into being in the year 2010 after the deadly 26/11 terrorist strikes in Mumbai. The prime role of this special elite force is to protect Mumbai from terrorist attacks.
- Force one boasts of the fastest response time in the world- it responds to a terror strike in less than fifteen minutes.
- Headquartered in Mumbai, force one absorbs only 4-5 per cent of total applicants in state police force who apply for it that too after rigorous training involving endurance runs, firing skills, obstacle courses, unarmed combat skills etc.



# DID YOU KNOW?

- Ghatak in english means killer.
- Every infantry battalion in the Indian Army has a ghatak force platoon and only the most physically fit, motivated soldiers can become a part of it.
- The Ghatak soldiers are well-trained, superiorly-armed and equipped to handle situations like terror strikes, hostage situations, counter insurgency operations etc.





# DID YOU KNOW?

- Formed in 1966, the Para Commandos are part of the Parachute Regiment of the Indian Army.
- Para commandos are the largest part of the Indian Special Forces and they are among the oldest airborne units in the world.
- The training that Para commandos go through is very brutal. In order to prove their toughness, they even have to eat glass.





# DID YOU KNOW?

- Formed in 2004, the Garud Commando Force is the youngest special forces unit that has emerged from the Indian Air Force.
- The name Garud has been taken from Lord Vishnu's bird.
- The training for being a Garud commando is the longest among all Indian Special Forces. The total training duration before a trainee can qualify as a fully operational Garud is around 3 years.





# DID YOU KNOW?

- Special frontier force is a covert paramilitary special force that operates under India's external intelligence agency RAW and reports directly to the Indian Prime Minister.
- Raised in the aftermath of the 1962 Sino-Indian war as a special force for covert operations behind Chinese lines in the event of another war with China, the special frontier force serves as an elite special operations and counter-insurgency force.
- Special frontier force missions are so classified that even the army may not know about it.





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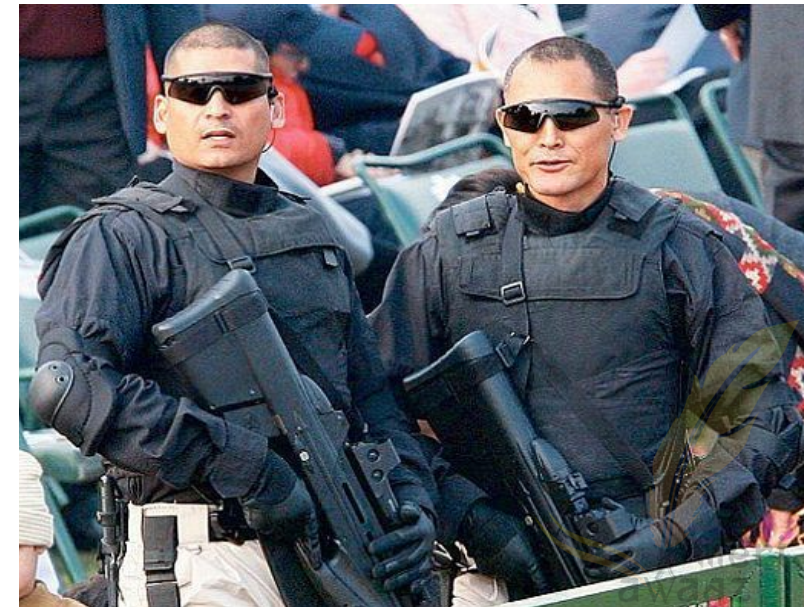
- The National Security Guard is India's premier counter-terrorist force. It provides security to VIPs, conducts anti-sabotage checks, and is responsible for neutralizing terrorist threats to vital installations.
- The 14500 personnel strong NSG is evenly divided between the Special Action Group (SAG) and the Special Rangers Group (SRG).
- The national security guards are called black cats. This is because of their black colored drill cotton coveralls and the black cat insignia on their uniform.





# DID YOU KNOW?

- The Special Protection Group is a security force of the Government of India that is responsible for the protection of the current Prime Minister, the former Prime Ministers and members of their immediate family members.
- The Special Protection Group was created after the assassination of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.
- The Special Protection Group have to gather intelligence, assess threats and provide protection. Their track record has been impeccable after the Rajiv Gandhi assassination and no attacks have been carried out on any Prime Minister ever since.





# DID YOU KNOW?

- The All India Commando Competition is organised annually during the winter season with the aim of improving the standards of professional performance in the Indian Police Forces.
- The All India Commando Competition is organised by each state on rotation and so far four competitions have been held.
- The All India Commando Competition tests the physical endurance, mental robustness, shooting skills, leadership qualities under stressful conditions etc.
- The All India Commando Competition has six stages that, include, among others, jungle operations and firing drills.





# ASSIGNMENT

- Imagine you are a special forces commander going through the training period where your mental strength and physical strength is being tested. Write a dairy log about your day, the activities that you had to take part in and the effect it had on you.
- Submit the assignment by Wednesday evening.

