

# 16 Jan 2021: PIB Summary & Analysis

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### 1. 97th Battalion of Rapid Action Force

#### Context:

Union Home Minister lays the foundation stone of 97th Battalion of Rapid Action Force at Bhadravathi in Karnataka.

#### Details:

- The Minister laid the foundation stone of a new battalion campus of the Rapid Action Force (RAF) in Karnataka's Shivamogga district.
- RAF is a specialized force of the CRPF to maintain public order and handle riots situation.

Read more about RAF in [PIB dated Oct 7, 2020](#).

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### 2. SAKSHAM

#### Context:

PCRA launches a month-long mass awareness campaign 'SAKSHAM' to spread awareness about 'Green and Clean Energy'.

#### About SAKSHAM:

- Saksham (Sanrakshan Kshamta Mahotsav) is a campaign organised by Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) to sensitize the masses about conservation and efficient use of petroleum products which will lead towards better health and environment.
- The campaign is aimed at creating awareness about the adverse health and environmental impacts of increasing carbon footprints.
- The idea behind the initiative is to convince consumers to switch to cleaner fuels and bring in behavioural change to use fossil fuel intelligently.
- The campaign through various pan-India activities such as cyclothon, farmer workshops, seminars, painting competition, CNG vehicle driving contest, etc. will spread awareness among masses about the advantages of using clean fuels.
- The key drivers include moving towards a gas-based economy, cleaner use of fossil fuels, greater reliance on domestic sources to drive bio-fuels, achieving renewable targets with the set deadlines,

increased use of electric vehicles to decarbonize mobility, increased use of cleaner fuels like hydrogen, and digital innovation across all energy systems.

**About the Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA):**

- PCRA is a registered society set up under the aegis of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Government of India.
- As a non-profit organization, PCRA is a national government agency engaged in promoting energy efficiency in various sectors of the economy.
- It helps the government in proposing policies and strategies for petroleum conservation, aimed at reducing excessive dependence of the country on oil requirement.

