

## **1. National Conference on Women in Police and CAPFs**

**Prelims Syllabus:** Governance – Policies.

**Mains Syllabus:** GS-II Role of women and Women's Organizations.

### **Why in News?**

- Union Minister for Women and Child Development has recently inaugurated the “National Conference on Women in Police and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs)” which has been organised by Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D).

### **Highlights of the Conference:**

- The National Conference was to discuss and deliberate on the following two themes:
  - 1. Cyber Stalking and Bullying of Women: Steps for Protection**
  - 2. Challenges faced by CAPF Women in Operational Areas**

### **Few important issues related to women in Police which were highlighted during the Conference are:**

1. Workplace harassment besides cyber crime.
2. Society should not look at the working women with bias and hold the performance of men to be the only benchmark for success.
3. Training of members of the Child Welfare Committees (CWC).
4. The need to train more female forensic investigators and cyber crime experts.
5. BPR&D was also advised to make a SoP for “One Stop Centre for Women”.

### **About BPR&D:**

- The Government of India established the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D), under the Ministry of Home Affairs in the 1970s.
- It replaced the Police Research and Advisory Council (1966), with the primary objective of modernization of police force.
- In 1995 Government of India has entrusted Correctional Administration Work to the BPR&D. Thereby BPR&D has to ensure the implementation of prison reforms as well.
- The Government of India further decided to create a National Police Mission under the administrative control of BPR&D to transform the police forces in the country.