

Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)

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Why in News?

The Director General said recently at the ITBP's 64th Raising Day Parade in Udhampur that ITBP is set to establish all-woman forward posts at 10 locations along the 3,488 km India-China border.

- It is a Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) under the **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)**.
- **Nickname** - It is known as the **"Himveers"** (brave soldiers of the Himalayas).
- **Formation** - It was raised on October 24, 1962, in the **aftermath of the Sino-Indian War**, to guard the Himalayan borders.
- **Formed under** - ITBP was initially raised under the **CRPF Act**, however, in 1992, parliament enacted the **ITBPF Act**, and the rules thereunder were framed in 1994.
- **Primary role** - At present, the ITBP guards a 3,488 km-long **India-China border** ranging from the Karakoram Pass in Ladakh to Jachep La in Arunachal Pradesh.
- **Motto** - ***"Shaurya - Dridhata - Karma Nishtha"*** (Valour - Determination - Devotion to Duty).
- **Functions - Border Security** - Vigil on the northern borders, detection and prevention of border violations, and promotion of the sense of security among the local populace.
- **Internal Security** - Deployed for counter-insurgency and election duties, checks illegal immigration, trans-border smuggling, and crimes.
- **Disaster Response** - Specialized in mountaineering, rescue, and relief during earthquakes, floods, and avalanches.
- **Security** - Protects sensitive installations, banks, and protected persons.
- **UN peacekeeping operations** - The Force is deployed for peacekeeping operations in Angola, Namibia, Cambodia, Bosnia Herzegovina, Mozambique, and Kosovo.

- **Strategic Importance** - ITBP is often called the “**Sentinels of the Himalayas**” because of its deployment in extreme terrain and weather.
- Plays a crucial role in India-China border standoffs (e.g., Doklam, Galwan).
- Works in coordination with the Army but remains under civilian control (MHA).

References

[Indian Express | ITBP to establish 10 all-woman forward posts](#)

