Indian Army's Assam Regiment team wins gold at Exercise Cambrian Patrol 2026 in Wales

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News

An Indian Army team from the Assam Regiment won a gold medal at Exercise Cambrian Patrol 2026, one of the world's toughest military patrolling exercises, held by the British Army at Brecon, Wales, in early October 2026. Over 100 teams took part and 10 golds were awarded. The Army said: 'Forged in Grit. Crowned in Gold.' The Nepal Army also won gold.

Key facts

Exercise	Cambrian Patrol 2026 – Brecon, Wales (UK); 2–12/13 Oct 2026
Host	British Army – HQ 160th (Welsh) Brigade
Result	Assam Regiment – gold; 10 golds among 100+ teams
Challenge	About 60 km over 48 hours; 8-member team; up to 32 kg each
Earlier Indian golds	2016 – 2/8 Gorkha Rifles; 2021 – 4/5 Gorkha Rifles; 2023 – 3/5 Gorkha Rifles

Background

- Assam Regiment: raised at Shillong on 15 June 1941; regimental centre – 'Happy Valley', Shillong; mascot – the one-horned rhino; war cry 'Rhino Charge', greeting 'Tagra Raho'. Battle of Kohima, 1944.

- Assam Regiment's Hav. Hangpan Dada won the Ashoka Chakra (2016, posthumously). Some reports say the regiment's 'Bhairav' light-commando battalion won (not officially confirmed).
- The India–UK army exercise is 'Ajeya Warrior'. Wales's capital is Cardiff; the Brecon Beacons (Bannau Brycheiniog) is a national park.

Tamil Nadu link: the Madras Regiment, the Indian Army's oldest regiment, has its centre at Wellington in the Nilgiris, which also hosts the Defence Services Staff College (DSSC).

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