Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) Raising Day – 24 October 2026

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News

The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) celebrates its Raising Day on 24 October. It was raised with 4 battalions on 24 Oct 1962, during the India–China war. A Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) under the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, it guards the 3,488 km India–China border from the Karakoram Pass in Ladakh to Jachep La in Arunachal Pradesh. Its personnel are called 'Himveers'.

Key facts

Raised	24 Oct 1962 – 4 battalions; first under the CRPF Act
Law	ITBP Act 1992; Rules 1994
Ministry / HQ	Ministry of Home Affairs; New Delhi
Motto	'Shaurya – Dridhata – Karma Nishtha' (Valour – Determination – Devotion to duty)
Border	3,488 km; Karakoram Pass (Ladakh) – Jachep La (Arunachal); 'One Border One Force' – 2004
Training	Academy – Mussoorie (1976); Mountaineering & Skiing Institute – Auli; Basic Training Centre – Bhanu (Haryana)

Background

- History: after the 1962 war ITBP was raised to reorganise intelligence and security along the Indo-Tibetan border. In 2004, under the 'One Border One Force' policy, the entire India–China border was entrusted to ITBP; it took over from the Assam Rifles in Sikkim and Arunachal. Some of its posts lie above 18,000 ft.
- Geography: ITBP is deployed in Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh. Key passes: Shipki La (Himachal), Lipulekh (Uttarakhand), Nathu La (Sikkim). ITBP provides security and medical support for the Kailash–Mansarovar Yatra through Lipulekh and Nathu La.
- Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) – under MHA: CRPF (1939), BSF (1965 – Pakistan and Bangladesh borders), CISF (1969 – industries, airports), ITBP (1962 – China border), SSB (Nepal and Bhutan borders), Assam Rifles (Myanmar border; oldest force). UPSC conducts the Assistant Commandant (CAPF AC) exam for BSF, CRPF, CISF, ITBP and SSB.
- Other roles: 'First Responder' in natural disasters in the Himalayan region; anti-Naxal operations; security for sensitive installations and protected persons. It has 60 regular + 4 specialist battalions.

Tamil Nadu link: there is no verified ITBP headquarters or major training centre in Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu youth can join ITBP through the Staff Selection Commission's (SSC) GD Constable exam and UPSC's CAPF Assistant Commandant exam. Pilgrims from Tamil Nadu on the Kailash–Mansarovar Yatra are also escorted by ITBP on the Lipulekh/Nathu La routes.

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