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Indo Tibetan Border Police

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Why is in news? ITBP on alert, conducting patrols along China border: Home Ministry

The Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) conducted 2,899 patrols along the China border between April and December in 2022, according to the 2022-23 annual report of the Union Home Ministry published.

The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) is a border guarding force of India deployed **along its borders with Tibet Autonomous Region**.

It is **one of the seven Central Armed Police Forces**, established in 1962 in the **aftermath of the Sino-Indian War of 1962**.

At present, the ITBP guards 3,488 km long **India-China borders ranging from the Karakoram Pass in Ladakh to Jachep La in Arunachal Pradesh**.

Apart from this, the Force also has important roles in **many internal security duties and operations against the Left Wing Extremism** in the state of Chhattisgarh.

Most of the ITBP's Border out Posts (BOPs) are located at altitudes ranging from 9,000 ft to 18,800 ft where temperatures drop to minus 45 degrees Celsius in extreme winters.

ITBP is a **specialized Armed Police Force** of the Nation which trains its personnel in various disciplines including mountaineering and skiing apart from intensive tactical training, thereby creating a distinctive image of the Force.

ITBP also conducts **relief and rescue operations as 'First Responders'** for natural calamities in the Himalayan region.

The Force has responded in hundreds of search, rescue & relief operations over the years to provide succour to thousands of citizens in distress due to various calamities.

The Force has a glorious history of the past 6 decades in which the jawans of the ITBP have made many sacrifices in the line of duty and in the service of the Nation.

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