



## Exercise HimVijay

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The Army is scheduled to conduct a major **Exercise 'HimVijay'** beginning **October 2019** in **Arunachal Pradesh and Assam** with its newly created **Integrated Battle Groups (IBG)**.

- It will witness around 15,000 soldiers in three IBGs, carved out of the 17 Mountain Strike Corps, being **tested for mountain warfare** in terms of operational viability and logistics.
- The Indian Airforce (IAF) will also participate for airlifting of soldiers and equipment as well as inter-valley transfer.
- The exercise will **coincide with the proposed visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping for the second informal summit** with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

## Integrated Battle Groups

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- The IBGs are part of overall force transformation initiated by the Army.
- They are **brigade-sized agile self-sufficient combat formations** which can swiftly launch strikes against an adversary in case of hostilities.
- The Army is in the process of reorganising its major Corps into the IBGs, though the number of IBGs had not been decided yet.
- **Each IBG is tailor-made based on three T's (Threat, Terrain and Task)** and resources will be allotted based on the three T's. They are tailored to mobilise within 12-48 hrs based on their location.

## 17 Mountain Strike Corps

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- The creation of the Corps was cleared by the **Cabinet Committee of Security in 2013**.
- These are formed to launch offensive operations against the northern adversary.
- Also known as the **Brahmastra Corps**, it seems to be **China-specific Strike Corps** as it is located in close proximity to China.
- These are based at **Panagarh, West Bengal**.

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