



Integrated Battle Groups

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In order to modernise and **reform the Army**, Indian Army is planning to raise **Integrated Battle Groups (IBGs)** along the borders with Pakistan that will help it carry out swift strikes in case of war.

Background

- After the Parliament terrorist attack(2001), Indian Army undertook massive mobilisation of troops but it lost the element of surprise due to delay.
- Therefore, to launch swift offensive mobilisation of troops, Indian Army formulated the **proactive doctrine** of **“Cold Start”** in 2004, but its existence was consistently denied in the past. In 2017, it was acknowledged for the first time by General Vipin Rawat.

What are Integrated Battle Groups?

- IBGs are brigade – sized, agile, self-sufficient combat formations

- Each of them is tailor-made based on Threat, Terrain & Task. Resources will be allotted based on the three T's

- They will be able to

mobilise within 12 – 48 hrs based on the location

- Concept of IBG pilot-tested by 9 Corps. They are reorganising based on the feedback and will be restructured by August end

- Army will approach Centre for sanction after that



- It will be formed by integrating the existing elements of infantry, tank regiments, artillery, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles(UAVs), engineers and signals.
- It will have six battalions of infantry, armoured and artillery, commanded by Major General or Brigadier.

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