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JAMMU & KASHMIR LADAKH



SECURITY LANDSCAPE

ROBUST | STABLE | TECH ENABLED

Sustained peace and robust security facilitated by Indian Army, combined with focused Government of India initiatives, have transformed J&K and Ladakh into regions of *opportunity - empowering local communities* to shift from uncertainty to aspiration, from *conflict to confidence* and from *survival to sustained development*.

The Northern Command actively manages threats on two and a half fronts.

Theatre of operations consists of the International Boundary & Line of Control along the Western Front and the Line of Actual Control.



Security Review

SUSTAINED OPERATIONS

- OP RAKSHAK
- OP MEGHDOOT
- OP SNOW LEOPARD

RECENT OPERATIONS

- OP SINDOOR
- OP MAHADEV
- OP TRASHI-I
- OP TRASHI - II
- OP KIYA
- OP DIGGI
- OP SHIV SHAKTI



Operation SNOW LEOPARD



Operation SINDOOR



Operation MEGHDOOT

Counter Terror Operations

Counter-Infiltration and Counter Terrorism Operations are actively undertaken to ensure internal security and stability in the hinterland.



SECURITY LANDSCAPE

ROBUST | STABLE | TECH ENABLED



CACHES PREPARATION



MANOUEVRE



ENDURANCE

BHAIRAV Battalions

Raised to enhance asymmetric capabilities of the formations in Multi Domain Operations enabled environment.

Equipped with drones and other modern weapon systems for swift and high-impact missions.



PRECISION



COMMUNICATION

RUDRA Brigade

Combines Infantry, Armour, Artillery, Air Defence, SF, Loiter Munitions and Drones under one unified command.

Equipped with Advance system, to support rapid terrain specific operation against emerging threats



FIELD CRAFT



ARMY MARTIAL ARTS ROUTINE TRAINING



TACTICAL



FIRST PERSON VIEW FLYING



SURVEILLANCE



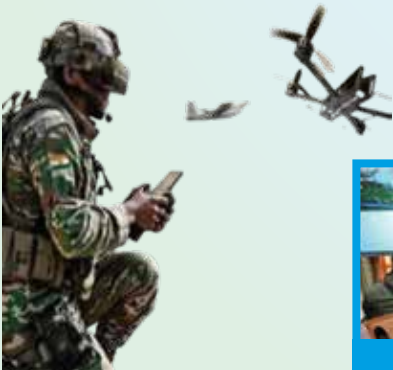
DYNAMIC TARGET PRACTICE



LOGISTICS DELIVERY

ASHNI Platoons

The ultimate force dominate skies



SIMULATOR TRAINING



OBSTACLE CROSSING



BUNKER ENTRANCE

CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY ABSORPTION

ATMANIRBHAR | INNOVATION | FUTURE READY

Indian Army remains committed to staying **FUTURE READY** through continuous **TECHNOLOGY** absorption. Our Strategic initiatives ensure operational excellence and self-reliance in the most challenging terrains of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

**Forging STRENGTH,
Through INNOVATION**



**Remaining FUTURE
READY, Absorbing
TECHNOLOGY**



**Training of Drone Flying,
Maint and Repair**



Multi Domain Exercise



Jetty Upgradation

**An integrated facility
created for training in
drone flying, repair and
maintenance, equipped with
modern simulators**

**Exercise VIDYUT
VIDHWANS focused on
multi-domain capabilities
and whole-of-nation
approach**

**Enhancement of boat
docking capacity at
Pangong Tso lake**



Repair Facilities in Forward Areas



New Generation Vehicles Spares Hub



Underground Fuel Storage Tanks

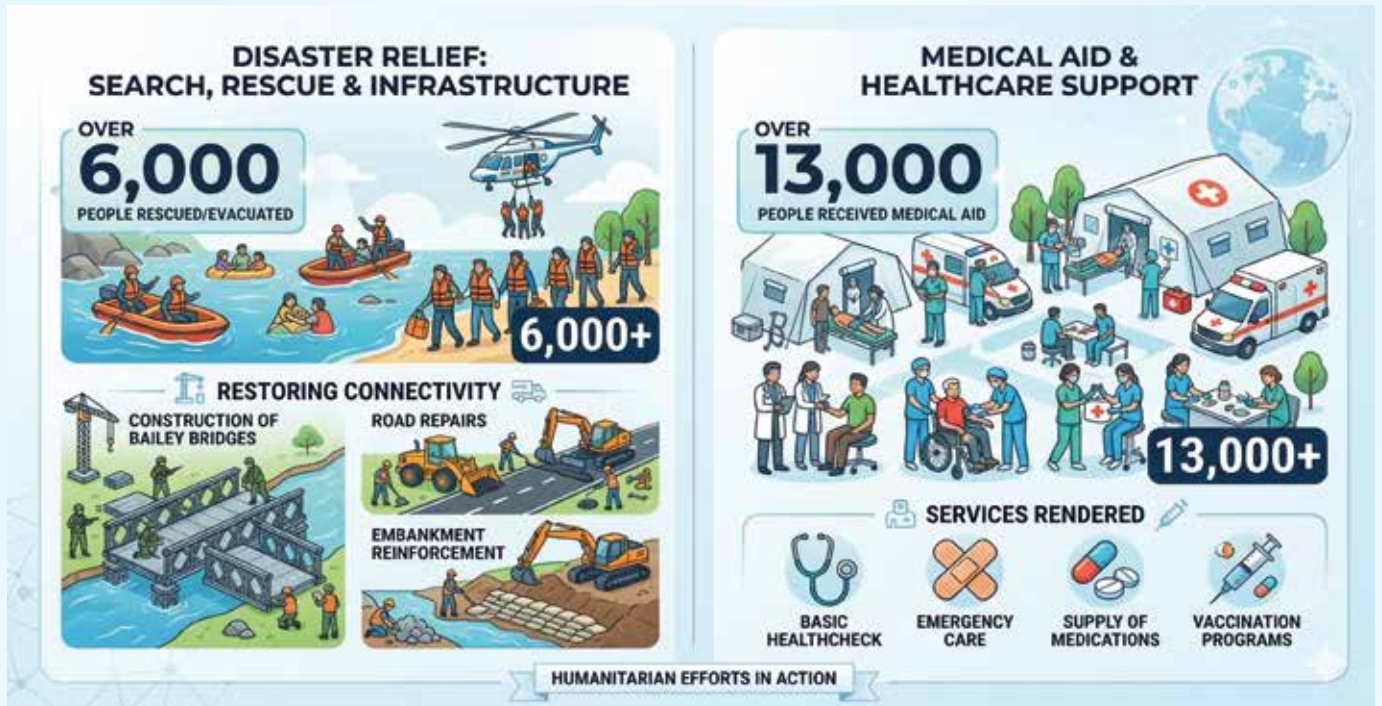
**Advanced repair facilities
created at forward Areas for
repair and maintenance of
equipment**

**New Generation Vehicles
Spares Hub has been
established at Leh in
collaboration with OEM**

**Project SENA SARATHI
– Joint Project with BPCL
for enhanced high-altitude
logistics Leh with capacity
of 1505 KL**

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE & DISASTER MANAGEMENT

FIRST RESPONDER | SYNERGISED | COMPASSIONATE



- ASSISTANCE DURING
- FLOODS
 - HEAVY SNOWFALL
 - RESCUE OF STRANDED TOURISTS
 - FIRE INCIDENTS
 - MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
 - ROAD ACCIDENTS
 - LANDSLIDES



Where HOPE Fades.....Army RESTORES It

BORDER AREA DEVELOPMENT

MILITARY-CIVIL FUSION | COLLABORATIVE | TRANSFORMATIVE

Indian Army initiatives bridge military operations with community development, fostering lasting partnerships across J&K and Ladakh.



Highest motorable road at 19,400 feet in Ladakh's Mig La Pass



SHYOK TUNNEL
Connecting : Darbuk- Shyok- Daulat Beg Oldie



Development of strategic roads, tunnels and bridges in border regions enhances rapid troop movement and logistics, considerably lowering travel time and ensuring seamless supply chain round the year.



Development of infrastructure like community halls, health centres, vocational training centres and schools boost local economy and ensure tourist footfall.



Gul-E-Seum: Remembering Legacy of Sacrifice, Kashmir



Provision of Medical Equipment & Ambulance, Ladakh



Provision of Borewell for Locals, Ladakh



Students from Ladakh with the Hon'ble President

BHARAT BHOOMI DARSHAN

VALOUR | DEVELOPMENT | INTEGRATION

With an aim to boost local economy, instill a sense of pride in the military history and encourage theme-based travel promotion of border area tourism is undertaken through the 'Bharat Rannbhoomi Darshan Programme'.

Northern Command actively promotes the same and a special post was done on World Tourism Day promoting the theme of 'Travel With Purpose' exhorting people to visit border areas known for their legacy of valour and sacrifice.



Kargil War Memorial, Drass



Siachen War Memorial, Leh

Where courage became legacy. Visited by the Hon'ble President of India, paying tribute to our brave soldiers.



Galwan War Memorial, Ladakh



Hall of Fame, Leh



Ajote War Memorial, Kashmir



Rezang La War Memorial, Ladakh

Sacrifice became immortal.

Visited by the Hon'ble Finance Minister, honouring the heroes of 1962.



Gurez War Memorial, Kashmir



Tithwal War Memorial, Kashmir

A solemn tribute to the valiant soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice defending our nation's borders.



HONOURING THE BRAVE

website - <https://bharatrannbhoomidarshan.gov.in>



ARMY GOODWILL SCHOOL

EMPOWERING THE FRONTIERS

TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT OF ARMY GOODWILL SCHOOLS (AGS)



ARMY GOODWILL SCHOOL



REGIONAL ENROLMENT & REACH



16,670 TOTAL STUDENTS ENROLLED

Combined educational footprint across UTs of J&K and Ladakh.



KASHMIR



43 SCHOOLS SERVING 16,670 STUDENTS

LADAKH



11,725 STUDENTS

Kashmir Region Houses the Largest Student Base.

70.34% Enrolment

2,564 STUDENTS

15.38% Enrolment

2,381 STUDENTS

14.28% Enrolment



JAMMU

REGIONAL REACH & ENROLLMENT



Socio-Economic Disadvantaged Groups



Girl Child Empowerment

TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES



100% SMART CLASSROOMS & AI LABS

Modernizing Remote Learning: Upgrading every AGS with smart classes and AI laboratories to align with NEP.

HOLISTIC SUPPORT SYSTEMS

Beyond the Classroom: Specialized coaching, career counseling cells, CBSE affiliation, and life skills training for national competitiveness.



EMPHASIS ON SEDG & GIRL CHILD

Empowering the most vulnerable to employment educators and reaching the national progress.



ALUMNI IMPACT & NATION BUILDING

STRENGTHENING THE PILLARS OF THE STATE



POLICE / CAPE (7%)



DOCTORS (21%)



ENGINEERS (17%)

38% of Alumni Enter Engineering and Medicine

13% Dedicated to National Security



INDIAN ARMY (6%)



HIGHER EDUCATION (16%)

MISCELLANEOUS (2%)

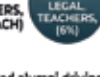


PRIVATE SECTOR (6%)



GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT (100%)

LEGAL, TEACHERS, SPORTS (3% EACH)



LEGAL TEACHERS, SPORTS (6%)



MEDICAL (SUPPORT) (6%)



971 tracked alumni driving regional development and national progress across diverse high-impact fields.

SHAPING FUTURES : ALUMNI CONNECT

- 127 Smart Classes in 27 Army Goodwill Schools
- Digital Coaching Centres for competitive exams
- NEP aligned teacher training to be undertaken

EMPOWERING YOUTH

INTEGRATION | EMPOWERMENT | SKILL ENABLER

Sahi Raasta



- A unique programme to ensure that the youth are given a correct path to follow and build careers hinging on entrepreneurship, skills and education with an aim to prevent them falling prey to drug-addiction, narcotics traps and anti-national activities.
- The initiative has so far trained more than 600 youth in multiple vocational discipline leading to increase in employment avenues.



Sahi Raasta for De-radicalization



Orientation Programme for NCC Cadets



Ice Hockey Championship



Shina Cultural Fest



Sports & Cultural Activities

- Varmul Gindoo (Winter Games)
- Cultural Festivals
- Gulmarg Ski Node established
- Ice-Hockey Championship
- Brig Usman Cricket Premier League
- Polo Competitions
- Archery Competitions
- Shina Cultural Festival
- Mendhar Festival

Jammu Super 30 Initiative



- Jammu Super 30 is a initiative supported by Indian Army providing IIT-JEE coaching to underprivileged students in Jammu.
- Since its inception in 2022-23, more than **60 students have qualified JEE** and secured admission in reputed institutions.



GREEN INITIATIVES

SUSTAINABLE | RENEWABLE | CARBON REDUCTION



Eco-Friendly Projects & Resource Conservation

Green Energy project established in Chushul in collaboration with NTPC with generation capacity of 200KW.

Bin Composting, Srinagar



Bio Gas Plant, Srinagar
Capacity 1-6 m³ gas/ day
Size 2-4 m dia digesters



Rain Water Harvesting
Capacity 1000 - 50,000 L
Size 1-2.5 m dia tanks

Capacity 50 kg - 2 tons/ month
Size - 1-5 m length pits

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

- TREE PLANTATIONS
- WASTE RECYCLING
- WATER CONSERVATION
- RAIN-WATER HARVESTING
- COMPOSTING
- BIO-GAS PLANTS



Plastic waste removal drives



Apparel made from Re-cycled Waste

Environmental Stewardship in High-Altitude Regions

Pioneering green technologies at forward posts including solar-powered installations, bio-digesters and eco-friendly construction practices. Committed to preserving the ecology of the Himalayas while maintaining operational readiness and supporting local communities.



Green & Sustainable

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT – COMMITTED TO CLEAN & GREEN ENERGY

CHIEF'S PAGE



COAS interacted with H.E. Mr M Hamidullah, High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India on 02 Apr 26. The interaction focused on enhancing bilateral Defence Cooperation including joint training initiatives.



COAS visited Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Bengaluru on 08 Apr 26 and reviewed indigenous aerospace capabilities and ongoing Army Aviation projects along with their upgrade and maintenance ecosystems supporting Indian Army Aviation.



COAS felicitated Indian Army boxers for their outstanding performance at the Asian Boxing Championship held in Mongolia from 28 Mar - 11 Apr 26, where they secured an impressive tally of eight medals to include three Gold, two Silver and three Bronze.



COAS visited the United States of America from 21-24 Apr 26, including the US Army Pacific (USARPAC) in Hawaii and Army War College (AWC), Carlisle Barracks, where he was inducted into the International Hall of Fame.



COAS visited 515 Army Base Workshop on 11 Apr 26 and dedicated a state-of-the-art Additive Manufacturing Facility equipped with advanced 3D scanning, metal and polymer printing, post-processing and quality assurance capabilities to the Indian Army.



COAS was presented books titled 'Mind Wars: The New Battlefield of Information Warfare' by Major General PK Mallick (Retd) and 'NCC: The Untold Story' by Cadet Rahul Singh Parihar and Cadet Gaurav Mishra on 06 Apr 26.

SNIPPETS



Tiger Division conducted a joint counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism refresher course with Jammu & Kashmir Police from 07– 08 Apr 26.



Audit of operational preparedness and Drone Training Arena of Panchshul Warriors was carried out at Banbasa Military Station on 09 Apr 26.



Operation HIM SETU was conducted by Trishakti Corps in North Sikkim to evacuate more than 1,300 tourists and local residents stranded after landslides and heavy snowfall, which disrupted the road between Lachen and Chungthang on 09 Apr 26.



Assam Rifles conducted a multi-agency training exercise at Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport, Agartala on 11 Apr 26 in coordination with CISF to enhance coordination, preparedness and response among security agencies deployed at the airport.



Counter Unmanned Aerial Systems & Cyber Electro Magnetic Activity Seminar was organised at Military College of Telecommunication Engineering under aegis of ARTRAC on 21 April 2026, bringing together Officers from Army War College, Infantry School, MCTE, MP Police, BSF and domain experts.



Dao Division under Spear Corps along with the Shaurya Commando Team of ITBP successfully concluded a two-week Mountain Warfare Training exercise with a 24-hour Exercise MOUNTAIN PRAHARI on 21 Apr 26 at Arunachal Pradesh.

SNIPPETS



Last rites of Col Sonam Wangchuk, MVC (Retd), the "Lion of Ladakh" and Kargil War hero, were undertaken with full military honors in Leh on 16 Apr 26. Senior Army officers, officials and large number of residents paid rich tributes, with Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Ladakh laying the wreath.



127 ETF, Dehradun has been awarded the Uttarakhand CM's Appreciation Award (2025-26) on 25 Apr 26 for its outstanding contribution to environmental conservation, including plantation of over 9.5 lakh saplings and the impactful "Bhagidari aur Zimmedari" campaign.

Leadership Transition : 01 Apr 2026



Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM,
Vice Chief of Army Staff



Lt Gen VMB Krishnan, PVSM, AVSM, YSM,
GOC-in-C, Eastern Command



Lt Gen Sandeep Jain, AVSM, SM,
GOC-in-C, Southern Command



Lt Gen Pushendra Pal Singh, AVSM, SM**,
GOC-in-C, Western Command

MILITARY DIPLOMACY



Exercise CYCLONE - IV, India - Egypt Special Forces Joint Exercise, 09 - 17 Apr 26, Anshas, Egypt.



Exercise DUSTLIK, 7th edition of India - Uzbekistan Joint Exercise, 12 - 15 Apr 26, Namangan, Uzbekistan.



The Military College of Telecommunication Engineering under aegis ARTRAC, hosted a four-member delegation from the Sri Lankan Armed Forces on 16 Apr 26.



Tailor Made Course for Uzbekistan Army was organised at College of Military Engineering, Pune wef 27 Mar - 23 Apr 26 under the India-Uzbekistan Annual Defence Cooperation Plan.



Lt Gen Edvard Asryan, Chief of General Staff of the Republic of Armenia, visited National War Memorial & laid a wreath at the Eternal Flame on 27 Apr 26, paying solemn homage to the fallen of the Indian Armed Forces.



Subject Matter Expert Exchange Programme was conducted from 21-30 Apr 26 at Infantry School, Mhow, towards sharing of vital tactical knowledge among instructors from the Infantry School and US Army Snipers of the 11th Airborne Division's Bobcat.

COMMUNIQUE

REVISED SOP - 2025 : Assured Decent Last Rites Scheme (ADLRS) Standard Operating Procedure for All Indian Army Veterans

The ADLRS SOP has been revised in 2025 to shift from a field committee model to a simpler claim based reimbursement process - reducing procedure hardship for bereaved families.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

- Who
All Indian Army Veterans (including Assam Rifles, GREF, SFF) with valid CSD Grocery & Liquor Cards.
- Claimant
Next of kin or Blood Relative who organizes the last rites.
- Where
Any Army CSD Canteen - plus select IAF & Navy CSDs.
- Claim By
Within 6 Months from date of death of the veteran.

STEP - BY - STEP PROCESS

- Visit nearest CSD Centeen - NoK/ Blood Relative approaches with documents. No prior appointment needed.
- Submit documents - CSD Cards, Proof of Death and Aadhaar of NoK/ individual claiming the grant. CSD helps fill application forms for ADLRS disbursement and new CSD card, if eligible.
- Grant disbursed same day - ₹ 10,000 paid in cash or bank transfer immediately upon verification.
- CSD hotlists both cards - under "Deceased" category and intimates CS Directorate and DIAV.
- NoK signs receipt - acknowledging grant of ₹ 10,000.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- Original CSD Grocery Card of deceased veteran.
- Original CSD Liquor Card of deceased veteran.
- Self - attested Aadhaar Card of claimant (NoK/ Blood Relative).
- Proof of Death (any one) : MCCD from hospital/ Hospital discharge slip/ FIR or Post - Mortem Report (unnatural death)/ Gram Panchayat extract (rural areas).

NOT REQUIRED

PPO, Service Booklet, Dependency Certificates, Stn HQ counter - signatures or any other additional documents. No authority can demand these.

KEY CHANGES IN REVISED SOP

- Claim based model replaces field committee visits.
- Claimant is the **Next of Kin (NoK)** - spouse, children, parents, siblings. A Blood Relative who organised the last rites may claim **only if no NoK is available or traceable**.
- No dependency on a particular CSD - any Army CSD will process.
- No PPO/ service booklet required - CSD cards are sufficient.
- Grant from CSD's own profit share - payment not delayed for procedural reasons.

IMPORTANT NOTES

This grant is **separate from the Demise Grant of ₹ 7,000**, which is applicable only for **JCOs and Other Ranks (OR)** and continues to be paid as per existing orders **from the respective Station HQs**. Both grants are independently claimable by eligible families.



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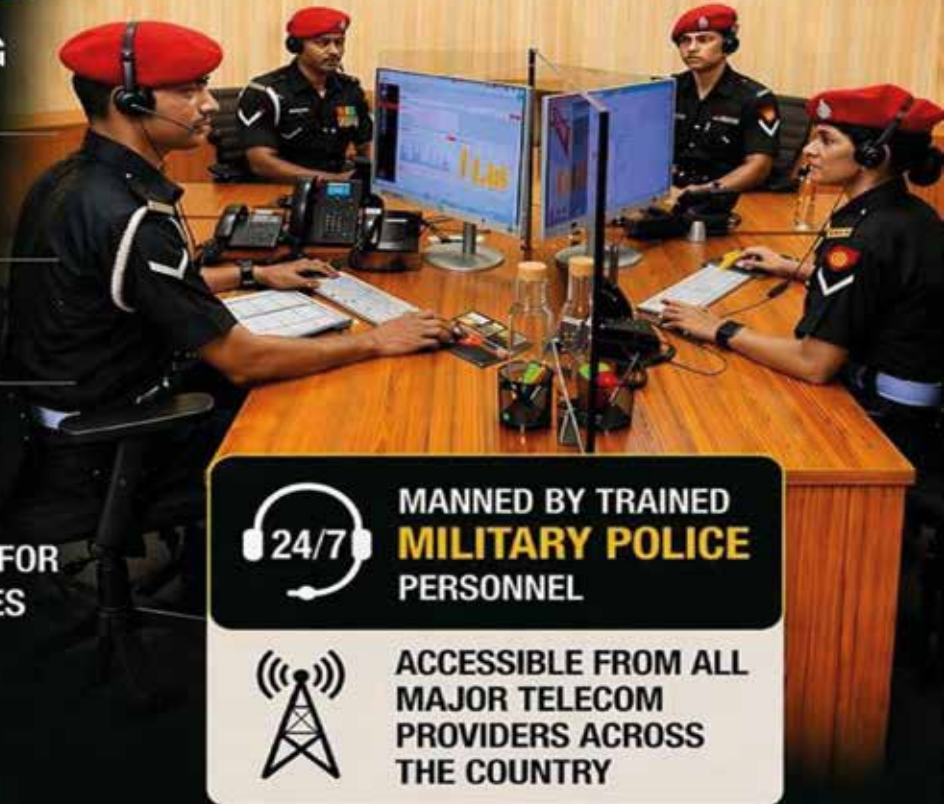
ACCIDENT CASES



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