



5 Airfields to be Built in Uttarakhand | Uttarakhand | 13 Jan 2024

Why in News?

The **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)** is set to develop **five airfields in Uttarakhand, including Gunji, Kalsi, Tanakpur, Ghansali, and Navidhang.**

Key Points

- This initiative is necessary for **enhancing the management of resources near the border with China.**
- The meeting also discussed the **widening and strengthening work of the 10.9 km stretch, the strategic Auli-Joshimath route in Chamoli district.**
- The **construction of the 15km alternative route from Bargaon in Joshimath to Auli** is also proposed to be entrusted to the BRO.
- Lt Gen Srinivasan shared details of the **ongoing BRO projects, including roads from Baluwakote to Tawaghat and Lipulekh to Jolingkong in Pithoragarh district.**

Border Roads Organisation (BRO)

- BRO was **conceived and raised in 1960 by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru** for coordinating the speedy development of a network of roads in the North and the North Eastern border regions of the country.
- It **works under the administrative control of the Ministry of Defence.**
- It has diversified into a large spectrum of construction and development works comprising airfields, building projects, defence works and tunneling and has endeared itself to the people.

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