

## **Chinese Road Construction in Shaksgam Valley**

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India expresses concern over recent <u>Chinese road construction</u> activities in the **Shaksgam Valley** in the trans-Karakoram tract of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), a territory ceded by Pakistan to China in 1963.

- India has consistently rejected the 1963 China-Pakistan Boundary Agreement, which attempted to cede the Shaksgam area to China and assert Shaksgam Valley as its territory.
- The <u>Siachen glacier</u>, a vital piece of Indian territory, is situated adjacent to the Shaksgam Valley and holds strategic importance, particularly amidst the 2020 standoff between Indian and Chinese troops in <u>eastern Ladakh</u>.
- China's extensive military build-up along the **Line of Actual Control**, especially in eastern Ladakh, poses threats to Indian positions in regions like **Depsang and** <u>Daulat Beg Oldie</u>.



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