



# BRO Celebrates 64th Raising Day

## Why in News?

**Border Roads Organisation (BRO)** celebrated its 64th Raising Day on May 07, 2023, at all its detachments across the country.

## What are the Key Highlights of the Event?

- The BRO **Technical Training Complex and an Automated Driving Track** were inaugurated.
  - These facilities will enhance the training standards of the BRO personnel and help them to be better prepared for various challenges.
- **BRO-centric software, developed as part of 'Digital India' initiative** were also launched on the occasion.
  - These softwares have been developed **to automate various aspects of the functioning of the BRO** for smoother & faster output and increased transparency.
- An MoU was signed for construction of indigenous **Class 70R Double Lane Modular Bridges** which will **help in bolstering the operational preparedness of the Armed Forces**.
  - Class 70R Double Lane Modular Bridges are **pre-engineered steel bridges** designed to carry vehicular traffic on two lanes.
- The event also witnessed flagging-in '**Ekta Avam Shradhanjali Abhiyaan**', a multi-modal expedition which began on April 10, 2023.

## What is Ekta Avam Shradhanjali Abhiyaan?

- It was launched **to commemorate the sacrifices and contribution of its Karmyogis in nation building** as a part of 64th BRO Day Celebrations.
- It is a multi-model expedition; the team comprises of Motorcycles and Motor cars which started from North East and Northern part of the country.
  - The motorcycle leg of the expedition commenced on 14 Apr 2023, **from Kibithu, Arunachal Pradesh**.
- Expedition members from 18 Projects **had collected Soil, Water and Saplings from 108 remote border locations** and the same were planted at BRO Alma Mater, BRO School and Centre, Pune.

## What is Border Road Organisation?

- **About:**
- 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.

- **Achievements so far:**
- The BRO, in more than six decades, **has constructed over 61,000 kms of roads, over 900 Bridges**, four Tunnels and 19 airfields under challenging conditions along India's borders and **in friendly foreign countries, including Bhutan, Myanmar, Afghanistan and Tajikistan.**
- In 2022-23, the BRO completed 103 infrastructure projects, the most by the organisation in a single year.
  - These include construction of **Shyok Bridge in Eastern Ladakh** and Steel Arch **Siyom Bridge of Load Class 70 in Arunachal Pradesh** on Along-Yinkiong Road.

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