BRO Clears Snow at Zojila Pass

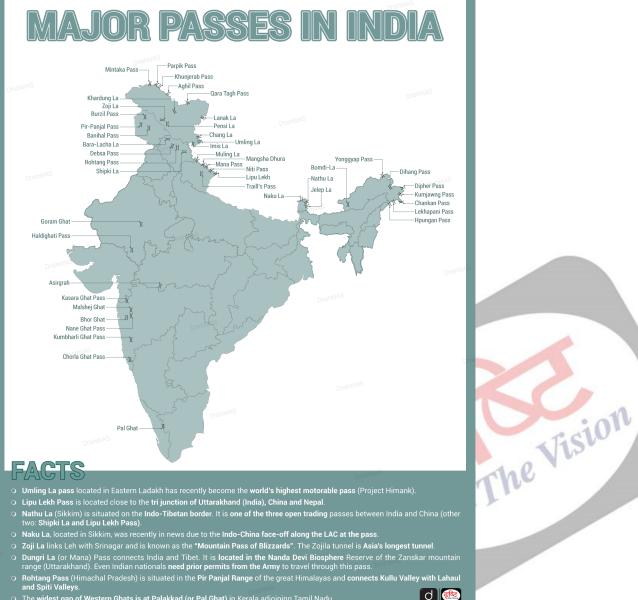
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Recently, the <u>Border Roads Organization (BRO)</u> conducted a snow clearance operation at <u>Zojila Pass</u>, following heavy <u>snowfall</u>, to restore connectivity and ensure safe travel in the area.

Key Points

- The Machil sector in Kupwara district experienced fresh snowfall, adding to the region's scenic beauty.
- Zoji La Pass:
 - Zoji La is a high mountain pass located in the Kargil district of Ladakh.
 - The pass links Leh and Srinagar and provides an important link between Union Territories of Ladakh and Kashmir.
 - Zoji La pass remains closed during winters due to heavy snowfall, cutting off Ladakh region from Kashmir.
 - In 2018, the Zoji La tunnel project was launched. The tunnel is Asia's longest and strategic bi-directional tunnel, which will provide all-weather connectivity between Srinagar, Kargil and Leh.

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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.

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- 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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