



## Road Leading to China Border Washed Away

### Why in News?

Recently, The **national highway linking [Joshimath](#) to the border villages of Malari and Niti** along the [Indo-China frontier](#) was destroyed at Miram.

### Key Points

- The blockade entirely stopped the movement of vehicles, especially **impacting Army and [Indo Tibetan Border Police \(ITBP\)](#)** convoys traveling towards the border.
- Over **100 roads, including many national highways, remain blocked** in the state due to **continuous rainfall** and frequent landslides, particularly in hilly areas.

### The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)

- The ITBP is a specialized mountain force of India, which was established on **24<sup>th</sup> October 1962**, soon after the India-China war which was initially meant for deployment **along the [India-China border](#)**.
- ITBP was initially raised under the [Central Reserve Police Force \(CRPF\) Act, 1949](#). However, in **1992**, parliament enacted the [ITBP Act](#) and the rules were framed in 1994.
- However, over the years, ITBP has **also been deployed for various internal security duties, including [anti-Naxal operations](#)**. The force is known for its expertise in **high-altitude rescue and mountaineering operations**.

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