



## BRO Clears Snow at Zojila Pass

### Why in News?

Recently, the [Border Roads Organization \(BRO\)](#) conducted a snow clearance operation at [Zojila Pass](#), following heavy [snowfall](#), 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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# MAJOR PASSES IN INDIA



## FACTS

- Umling La pass located in Eastern Ladakh has recently become the world's highest motorable pass (Project Himank).
- Lipu Lekh Pass is located close to the tri junction of Uttarakhand (India), China and Nepal.
- Nathu La (Sikkim) is situated on the Indo-Tibetan border. It is one of the three open trading passes between India and China (other two: Shipki La and Lipu Lekh Pass).
- Naku La, located in Sikkim, was recently in news due to the Indo-China face-off along the LAC at the pass.
- Zoji La links Leh with Srinagar and is known as the "Mountain Pass of Blizzards". The Zojila tunnel is Asia's longest tunnel.
- Dungri La (or Mana) Pass connects India and Tibet. It is located in the Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve of the Zaskar mountain range (Uttarakhand). Even Indian nationals need prior permits from the Army to travel through this pass.
- Rohtang Pass (Himachal Pradesh) is situated in the Pir Panjal Range of the great Himalayas and connects Kullu Valley with Lahaul and Spiti Valleys.
- The widest gap of Western Ghats is at Palakkad (or Pal Ghat) in Kerala adjoining Tamil Nadu.



## 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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