

Improved Security in J&K

Why in News?

According to the Ministry of Home Affairs annual report <u>counter-terrorist operations</u> in Jammu & Kashmir have **declined since 2018**, with 338 security personnel killed in 676 encounters by March 2024.

Key Points

- Improvement in Security Situation:
 - Organised stone pelting and protests have ceased.
 - The region has experienced significant improvement in overall security and development.
- Measures to Curb Cross-Border Infiltration:
 - Strengthened border infrastructure and multi-tiered security along the Line of Control (LoC).
 - Changed infiltration routes and installed floodlights along the International Border.
- Youth Mainstreaming and Employment Opportunities:
 - Policies introduced to provide jobs and deter youth from militancy.
 - Government efforts include employing 5,720 <u>Kashmiri migrants</u> in government jobs.
 - Approval of 6,000 secure transit accommodations for government-employed migrants.
- Online Grievance Portal for Kashmiri Migrants:
 - It was launched in August 2021 to address grievances related to encroachment, title changes, mutations, and distress sales.
- Financial Assistance to Displaced Families:
 - Under the Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP)-2015, Rs 5.5 lakh is being disbursed to 36,384 displaced families from Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK) and Chhamb.
 - Since 2016, Rs 1,452.34 crore has been disbursed to 33,636 beneficiaries.
- Focus on Development and Integration:
 - These measures collectively aim to enhance security, provide social justice, and foster the integration of displaced communities into the region's socio-economic fabric.

Line of Control

- The Line of Control (LoC) emerged from the 1948 ceasefire line negotiated by the <u>United</u>
 Nations (UN) after the Kashmir War.
- It was designated as the LoC in 1972, following the Shimla Agreement between the two countries.
- LoC is demarcated up to the Siachen Glacier (Point NJ9842)- the world's highest battlefield.
- LoC is delineated on a map signed by the Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) of both armies and has the international sanctity of a legal agreement.

