



Forest Fire & Landmine Explosions in Jammu and Kashmir

Why in News?

In **Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district**, a [forest fire](#) along [the Line of Control \(LoC\)](#) triggered the explosion of nearly half a dozen landmines, which were part of an [anti-infiltration obstacle system](#).

Key Points

- **Explosions Triggered by Forest Fire:**
 - The explosions were triggered by a forest fire that spread to Indian territory in the **Krishna Ghati sector, Mendhar sub-division**.
 - The fire began on the other side of the border before spreading to Indian forward areas.
 - Authorities are **investigating the cause, with speculation** of deliberate attempts from across the border to damage **India's anti-infiltration obstacle system**.
- **Casualties and Control Measures:**
 - No casualties have been reported and efforts to control the flames are actively ongoing.
- **Army Response:**
 - The Indian Army stationed along the LoC is on **high alert to prevent potential infiltration attempts by [terrorists](#)**.

Line of Control

- The Line of Control (LoC) emerged from the 1948 ceasefire line negotiated by the **United 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 upto 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.

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