



Zero LoC Infiltration | Jammu & Kashmir | 06 Feb 2025

Why in News?

Recently, **the Union Home Minister** conducted an extensive review of **the ongoing anti-terror operations** and the security situation along **the Line of Control (LoC)** in **Jammu and Kashmir (J&K)**.

Key Points

- **Meeting on Counter-Terrorism:**
 - The Union Home Minister chaired a meeting with top Army and Police officials to strengthen **counter-terrorism operations** in the Valley.
 - The meeting also aimed to secure the Line of Control (LoC), especially during the **monsoon**, when rivulets from **the Himalayas** swell, creating gaps in the fencing along the Pakistan border.
- **Security Challenges Along the LoC and Border:**
 - The LoC spans 749 km, primarily under the Army's jurisdiction, while **India and Pakistan share a 198 km long international border** in the Jammu sector, where **Border Security Force (BSF)** is in charge.
 - In 2024, Jammu experienced a surge in terrorist attacks due to infiltrators from Pakistan.
- **Zero Infiltration Goal and Terrorism Elimination:**
 - The Minister directed security agencies to **intensify efforts with a 'zero infiltration' goal**, instructing forces to adopt a strict approach towards infiltration and **terrorism**.
 - The primary objective emphasized was to eliminate the presence of terrorists in the region.
 - The Minister acknowledged the role of narco-networks in supporting infiltrators and terrorists, urging immediate action against terror funding linked to the narcotics trade.

Border Security Force (BSF)

- The BSF was **raised in 1965, after the India-Pakistan war**.
 - It is one of the **seven Central Armed Police Forces** of the Union of India under the administrative control of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).
 - Other **Central Armed Police Forces** are: **Assam Rifles (AR)**, **Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)**, **Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)**, **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)**, **National Security Guards (NSG)** and **Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)**.
 - The 2.65-lakh force is deployed along the Pakistan and Bangladesh borders.
 - It is deployed on the Indo-Pakistan International Border, Indo-Bangladesh International Border, and **Line of Control (LoC) along with the Indian Army and in Anti-Naxal Operations**.
 - BSF has been defending **Sir Creek in the Arabian Sea and the Sundarbans delta in the Bay of Bengal** with its state of the art fleet of Water Crafts.
 - It contributes dedicated services to the **UN peacekeeping Mission** by sending a large contingent of its trained manpower every year.
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