



IED Blast in Jammu

Why in News?

Militants planted an [improvised explosive device \(IED\)](#) along the [Line of Control \(LoC\)](#) in Jammu's Akhnoor Sector, killing two soldiers.

Key Points

- **IED Blast in Akhnoor Sector:**
 - A suspected **IED blast occurred in Laleali, Akhnoor Sector**, during a fence patrol, resulting in two fatalities.
 - **The Army has launched search operations** and is dominating the area to secure the region.
 - **The Lieutenant Governor** of Jammu and Kashmir paid tribute to the soldiers.
- **Security Concerns:**
 - Despite heightened surveillance along the LoC in J&K, **the blast poses a major challenge to security forces.**

Improvised Explosive Device

- An **improvised explosive device (IED)** is a homemade bomb **designed to destroy or incapacitate targets**, commonly used by criminals, terrorists, and insurgents in various forms.
- IEDs can be delivered through multiple means, including vehicles, placement by individuals, or roadside concealment, and **gained prominence during the Iraq War that began in 2003.**

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	Common uses	Common form	Known IED use
High explosives			
Ammonium nitrate and fuel oil (ANFO)	Mining and blasting ²	Solid	Oklahoma City bombing
Triacetone Triperoxide (TATP)	No common uses; mixed from other materials	Crystalline solid	2005 bombings in London
Semtex, C-4	Primarily military	Plastic solid	Irish Republican Army bombings
Ethylene glycol dinitrate (EGDN)	Component of low-freezing dynamite	Liquid	Millennium Bomber, intended for Los Angeles airport, 1999
Urea nitrate	Fertilizer	Crystalline solid	World Trade Center 1993
Low explosive			
Smokeless powder	Ammunition	Solid	Olympic Park bombings

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 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.

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