



Army Vehicle Fired Upon in J&K

Why in News?

On 26 February 2025, suspected **militants** opened fire on an Army vehicle in **the Pir Panjal Valley** 's **Sunderbani sector in Rajouri district**. Security forces launched a search operation after the attack in the forest range.

Key Points

- **Firing Incident:**
 - Preliminary reports indicated a **brief exchange of fire at Phal village** in the Sunderbani sector of Nowshera.
 - Gunshots were heard from a nearby forest area as an Army vehicle moved through the region.
- **No Casualties Reported:**
 - Officials confirmed that the incident did not result in any casualties.
 - The firing occurred near **the Line of Control (LoC)**.
- **Security Response and Search Operation:**
 - Security forces launched a massive **cordon and search operation (CASO)** in the nearby pockets of Phal village.
 - Rajouri district has previously witnessed infiltration incidents along the LoC.

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.

Pir Panjal

▪ About:

- The Pir Panjal Range is a **mountain range in the northern Indian subcontinent**.
- It **begins in Ramban** and **extends westward**, lying south of **Jammu and Kashmir's Vale of Kashmir**, reaching Muzaffarabad District.
- The range rises sharply to an **average elevation of over 13,000 feet (4,000 meters)**.
- It **separates the Jammu Hills** in the south from the Vale of Kashmir, beyond which lie [the Great Himalayas](#).
- The range separates from the Himalayas near the banks of [the Sutlej River](#).
- It forms a natural divide between [the Beas](#) and [Ravi rivers](#) on one side and the [Chenab River](#) on the other.

▪ Major Passes:

- The range has **six historical passes**, Hajipir Pass, Gulabgarh Pass, Ratanpir Pass, Pir Panjal Pass, Banihal Pass, Bairam Gala Pass.

▪ Important Peaks:

- **Deo Tibba (6,001 m)** and **Indrasan (6,221 m)** are two significant peaks at the eastern end of the range

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