



# Chamoli Avalanche

## Why in News?

On 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025, **Uttarakhand Chief Minister** conducted an **aerial survey of the areas affected by the [avalanche](#)** near Mana village in **Chamoli district of Uttarakhand**.

- He also visited **Joshimath**, met the injured **[Border Roads Organisation \(BRO\)](#)** workers rescued from the site.

## Key Points

- **Rescue Operations in Mana Avalanche:**
  - Rescue teams have **successfully saved 47 out of 55 BRO workers** trapped under snow.
  - Eight workers remain trapped, and rescue operations are still underway.
  - Authorities have **deployed four Army helicopters to aid in the rescue efforts**.
- **Government and Administrative Efforts:**
  - It was confirmed that four helicopters, arranged with the help of the Centre and the State Government, have joined the rescue mission.
  - Seven rescued workers have been transported to Joshimath Hospital for treatment.
  - Doctors are monitoring their condition, and three of them are reported stable.
- **Joint Efforts by Security Forces:**
  - The avalanche, which struck near Mana village, buried several BRO workers under snow.
  - Teams from **[the National Disaster Response Force \(NDRF\)](#)**, **[Indian Army](#)**, and **[Indo-Tibetan Border Police \(ITBP\)](#)** are conducting joint rescue operations on a war footing.

## Border Road Organisation

- **About:**
  - BRO was conceived and **raised in 1960 by [Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru](#)** for coordinating the speedy development of a **network of roads in the North and the North Eastern border** regions of the country.
  - It works under the administrative control of **the Ministry of Defence**.
  - It has diversified into a large spectrum of construction and development works comprising **airfields, building projects, defence works and tunneling** and has endeared itself to the people.
- **Achievements so far:**
  - The BRO, in more than six decades, **has constructed over 61,000 kms of roads, over 900 Bridges**, four Tunnels and 19 airfields under challenging conditions along India's borders and **in friendly foreign countries, including Bhutan, Myanmar, Afghanistan and Tajikistan**.
  - In 2022-23, the BRO completed 103 infrastructure projects, the most by the organisation in a single year.
    - These include construction of **Shyok Bridge in Eastern Ladakh** and Steel Arch **Siyom Bridge of Load Class 70 in Arunachal Pradesh** on Along-Yinkiong Road.

## Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)

- The ITBP was **established on 24<sup>th</sup> October, 1962.**
- It is responsible for **guarding the Indo-Tibetan border** and the mountainous regions of the 3,488 km long India-China border, monitoring the northern borders of India.
- In 2004, the **ITBP replaced the Assam Rifles in Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh.** The force secures the Indo-China border across the following states:
  - Jammu & Kashmir
  - Himachal Pradesh
  - Uttarakhand
  - Sikkim
  - Arunachal Pradesh

## National Disaster Relief Fund

- **National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF)** was renamed as National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) with the enactment of the Disaster Management Act, 2005.
  - It is defined in **Section 46 of the [Disaster Management Act, 2005 \(DM Act\).](#)**
- It is managed by the **Central Government to meet the expenses for emergency response, relief and rehabilitation** due to any threatening disaster situation or disaster.
  - It **supplements the SDRF in case of a disaster of a severe nature**, provided adequate funds are not available in the SDRF.

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