



Improved Security in J&K

Why in News?

According to the Ministry of Home Affairs annual report [counter-terrorist operations](#) in Jammu & Kashmir have **declined since 2018**, with 338 security personnel killed in 676 encounters by March 2024.

Key Points

- **Improvement in Security Situation:**
 - Organised stone pelting and protests have ceased.
 - The region has experienced significant improvement in overall security and development.
- **Measures to Curb Cross-Border Infiltration:**
 - Strengthened border infrastructure and multi-tiered security along [the Line of Control \(LoC\)](#).
 - Changed infiltration routes and installed floodlights along the International Border.
- **Youth Mainstreaming and Employment Opportunities:**
 - Policies introduced to provide jobs and deter youth from militancy.
 - Government efforts include employing 5,720 [Kashmiri migrants](#) in government jobs.
 - Approval of 6,000 secure transit accommodations for government-employed migrants.
- **Online Grievance Portal for Kashmiri Migrants:**
 - It was launched in August 2021 to address grievances related to encroachment, title changes, mutations, and distress sales.
- **Financial Assistance to Displaced Families:**
 - Under the **Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP)-2015**, Rs 5.5 lakh is being disbursed to 36,384 displaced families from [Pakistan Occupied Kashmir \(PoK\)](#) and Chhamb.
 - Since 2016, Rs 1,452.34 crore has been disbursed to 33,636 beneficiaries.
- **Focus on Development and Integration:**
 - These measures collectively aim to enhance security, provide **social justice**, and foster the integration of displaced communities into the region's socio-economic fabric.

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.

