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## Siachen Glacier

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Since January 2018, nearly 130 tonnes of waste **has been brought down** from the Siachen Glacier and disposed of.



- The Army has made **bringing down waste a part of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for troops** under the concept of waste management because in the high altitude areas of 18,000 to 21,000 feet **nothing degrades at sub-zero temperatures**.
- The entire Siachen Glacier, with all major passes, is currently under the administration of India since 1984 (**Operation Meghdoot**).
- The Siachen Glacier is located in the **Eastern Karakoram range** in the Himalayas, just northeast of **Point NJ9842** where the **Line of Control between India and Pakistan ends**.
- It is the **Second-Longest glacier in the World's Non-Polar areas**.
- The Siachen Glacier lies **immediately south of the great drainage divide that separates the Eurasian Plate from the Indian subcontinent** in the extensively glaciated portion of the Karakoram sometimes called the "**Third Pole**".

- The Siachen Glacier is **part of Ladakh** which has now been **converted into a Union Territory.**
- The Siachen Glacier is the **world's highest battlefield.**

### **Operation Meghdoot**

- It was launched on 13 April 1984, this military operation was the first assault launched in the highest battlefield in the world.
- The military action resulted in Indian troops gaining control of the entire Siachen Glacier.

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