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NEWS : Escalating Tensions: North Korea Mobilizes Amid Renewed Hostility with South Korea

WHAT'S IN THE NEWS ?

Tensions between North and South Korea have escalated recently, with North Korea claiming over 1.4 million citizens applied to join the army. This followed the North's destruction of roads and railways on its southern border, allegedly in retaliation for South Korea sending anti-Pyongyang propaganda via drones.

- **Division of Korea:** Korean Peninsula divided post-Japan's surrender in 1945, with North supported by Soviet Union and China, and South by the U.S.
- **Korean War:** War (1950-1953) ended with an armistice, no peace treaty, leaving both nations technically at war.
- **Reunification Efforts:** Minimal progress over decades, especially with North Korea developing nuclear weapons, leading to sanctions.
- **2019 Talks Breakdown:** U.S.-North Korea talks collapsed after the failed 2019 Hanoi summit; North Korea renewed its nuclear program.
- **Kim's Declaration:** In 2024, Kim Jong Un declared South Korea the North's "primary foe," abandoning peaceful reunification.
- **Tensions & War:** Tensions are at their highest since 1950, but experts believe war is unlikely; North Korea's actions are seen as efforts to strengthen internal unity.





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India's Position:

- **Opposition to North Korea's Tests:** India opposes North Korean nuclear and missile tests but maintains neutrality regarding sanctions.
- **Role in Korean War:** India played a significant role in the 1950-53 ceasefire agreement.
- **South Korea Relations:** Upgraded to 'special strategic partnership' in 2015; India has a role in South Korea's Southern Policy.
- **Act East Policy:** South Korea is crucial in India's Act East Policy for economic, cultural, and strategic ties in the Asia-Pacific.
- **North Korea Relations:** Diplomatic relations for over 47 years, rooted in India's Non-Alignment Movement legacy.

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