



## ROAD PROJECT AT LAC : WORLD GEOGRAPHY

**NEWS :** India's National Board for Wildlife Approves Key Road Projects to Strengthen Military Infrastructure Along the LAC

### WHAT'S IN THE NEWS ?

The article discusses the clearance of key road stretches by India's National Board for Wildlife to enhance military infrastructure along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China, emphasizing strategic importance amid ongoing tensions



- **NBWL Approval:** National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) approved five key road projects, including those through the Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary along the LAC, to enhance military infrastructure in Ladakh.
- **Strategic Road Development:** Roads are designed to provide faster access to Daulat Beg Oldie (DBO), the northernmost military outpost and home to India's highest airstrip.
- **Key Roads:**
  - Chushul-Lukung to Thakung post.
  - Durbuk-Shyok-Daulat Beg Oldie (DS-DBO) to Saser-Brangsa-Gapshan (SBGG), improving troop and resource mobility.
- **DS-DBO Significance:** Located near Chinese-held territory, improves surveillance, and allows quick response during hostilities.
- **Defence Ministry's Role:** Roads will strengthen tactical dominance, quick movement of troops, and logistics, especially in sensitive areas like Sub-Sector North.
- **Leh-Chalunka Road:** Connects Indus and Shyok valleys, supports military and civilian logistics, and sustains troop presence in Nubra Valley.
- **Environmental Concerns:** Roads pass through sensitive areas like Karakoram and Changthang sanctuaries. NBWL approved the projects with conditions like animal passage plans.



**India-China Border Dispute:** 3,488-km border with no mutually agreed Line of Actual Control (LAC) in certain areas. The LAC was established after the 1962 war.



- **Western Sector:** Ladakh, dispute over Aksai Chin (administered by China but claimed by India).
- **Middle Sector:** Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.
- **Eastern Sector:** Arunachal Pradesh, claimed by China as "South Tibet."

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