

Zojila Pass

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Recently, a massive snow avalanche has hit the Zojila Pass in Ladakh.

About Zojila Pass

- Zojila Pass, also known as **'The Mountain Pass of Blizzards'**, is a high mountain pass located in the **Kargil district of Ladakh**.
- It is located on the **Srinagar-Kargil-Leh highway (NH-1)** at a height of 11,650 feet.
- It lies in the **Greater Himalayan Range**.
- The pass remains closed for almost half of the year due to heavy snowfall.
- **History**
 - It was the site of the **Indo-Pakistan War of 1947-48**.
 - It was captured by militias aided by the Pakistan Army in 1848, with the ultimate aim of capturing Ladakh.

- However, the pass itself was captured by the Indian Army on 1st November 1948, in an assault codenamed Operation Bison.

What is an avalanche?

- It is a **large amount of snow** that quickly moves down a slope.
- It can be deadly because it will bury or sweep away anything in its path.
- Many different conditions make an avalanche possible.
 - An avalanche is more likely to happen on a slope without trees or large rocks. These things help to keep snow in place.
 - A weak layer of snow also makes an avalanche likely.

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