

Border Roads Organisation (BRO)

The Border Roads Organisation functions under the control of the Ministry of Defence (since 2015). This body is responsible for maintaining the road networks in the border areas of India.

This organisation plays an equally important part in the infrastructure development of the border areas of the country. UPSC exam aspirants can expect questions based on BRO to be asked in General Studies paper and thus may carefully go through the information given below.

In this article, we bring to a brief background regarding the establishment of Border Roads Organisation, along with its significance and need.

One of the biggest infrastructural achievements of BRO is the construction of the longest highway tunnel constructed in Himachal Pradesh, and named [The Atal Tunnel](#), in the fond memory of the former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

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An Introduction to Border Roads Organisation

BRO is a modern and transnational construction organisation which is committed to meeting the strategic requirements of the Indian armed forces. The organisation plays a vital role in upscaling of the infrastructural development.

Given below are few of the most important things about Border Roads Organisation:

- Initially, BRO was functional under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. But since 2015, it is being managed and is functional under the Ministry of Defence
- BRO is operational in 21 Indian states and 1 union territory. But also, functional in our friendly countries like neighboring countries such as Afghanistan, Bhutan, Myanmar, and Sri Lanka
- The Organisation was formed on May 7, 1960, to maintain and develop the Indian remote areas of north and northeast situated near the borders
- The BRO Raising Day is celebrated on May 7, every year

- In June 2018, Lt General Sanjeev Kumar Shrivastava took over the post of Director General in Border Roads Organisation and is the
- The composition of this organisation comprises Officers and troops which are selected from the Indian Army's Corps of Engineers, Army Service Corps, Military Police and other personnel

Candidates selected through the UPSC IES (Indian Engineering Services) are appointed in this organisation. To know the [difference between IAS and IES Officer](#), aspirants can visit the linked article.

Mission of Border Roads Organisation

BRO works under set guidelines or as instructed by the Government of the country. Given below is the mission of BRO:

- To ensure that cost effective, sustainable and strategic needs of the armed forces are met without any inconvenience
- Achieving international level of quality excellence and time consciousness
- Present their expertise in any project of national or transnational development
- Using information technology in the best possible manner and implementing it as an advantage in the various infrastructure projects
- Highest level of proficiency must be shown with every construction
- To upgrade the quality of life and livelihood in border areas by helping them with the means of easy transport, accessibility and connectivity

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Significance of Border Roads Organisation

The biggest assistance provided by Border Roads Organisation is to the defence sector of the country. BRO performs two separate functions during the time of peace and during war.

Significance of BRO during Peace

- Contribute in the social-economic development of border states
- Developing the infrastructure of operational roads for the staff

Significance of BRO during War

- Maintaining and developing the roads through the Line of Control and perform any other specific task assigned by the Government

Apart from the above mentioned situation, BRO's contribution in the safety and growth of developing border regions of north and northeast also plays a very important role.

Not just in India, but in our friendly neighbouring countries as well, BRO has had a part to play in the infrastructural development. One of these include the Delaram-Zaranj Highway in Afghanistan, which was constructed in 2008.

Apart from this, in case of a calamity or natural disaster, the work to undertake reconstruction can also be handed over to Border Roads Organisation.

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