De-mining operation on in full swing in J&K

Indian Army personnel are working round-the-clock to ensure the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus link gets rolling in exactly a month's time. One of the most dangerous tasks is de-mining of the area. The difficult terrain and the hostile weather make the task harder.

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But fighting against time and weather, engineers are working overtime, managing to de-mine the last half-a-kilometre of the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad road in record time with no casualties.

"De-mining is very sensitive and we have to take a lot of precautions. We have to ensure that during this operation, there are no casualties," says Col DM Gupta, Commanding Officer, 6 Engineers.

War footing

On the other side of the Line of Control, Pakistani bulldozers are also constructing the road on war footing. The last three kilometres of the road have been closed for any kind of traffic for last the 50 years.

Now the Border Roads Organisation has diverted its men and machinery in full strength on this stretch of the road.

Their aim is to get the Kaman bridge ready, half of which falls in the Pakistani territory.

"We are repairing pillars and embankment and we should be able to meet the target," adds Col Gupta.

Final touches are being given to the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad road. Everybody is anxiously awaiting the opening of the road, as the first bus will ply here on April 7 after a gap of 50 years.


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