

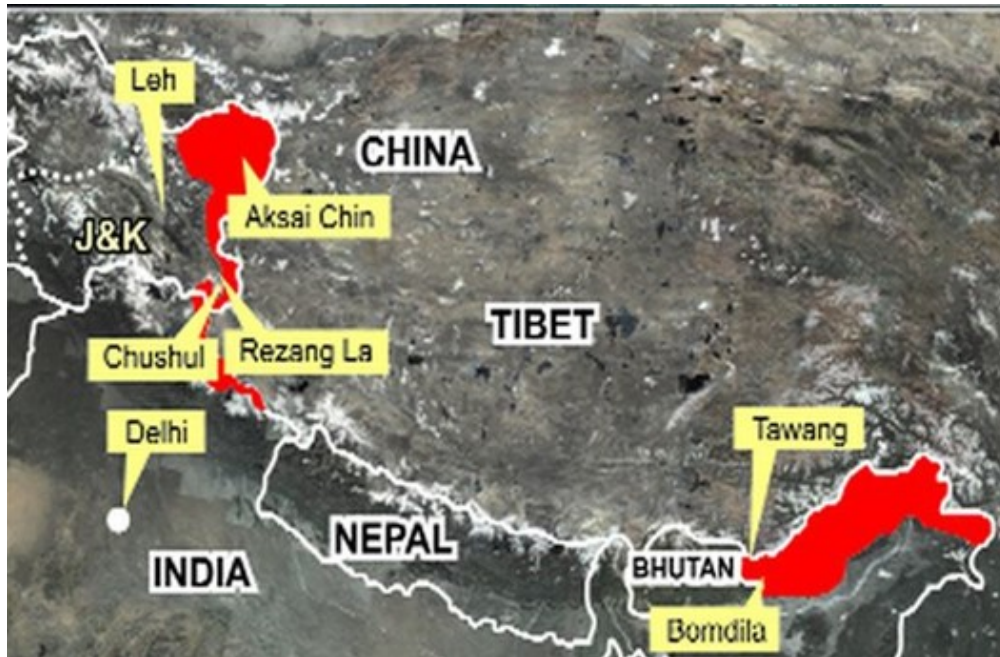
Battle of Rezang La

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Why in news?

The Punjab and Haryana High Court recently disposed of a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) that sought to block the certification and release of '120 Bahadur', an upcoming Bollywood war drama.

- **Battle of Rezang La** - It was fought on **November 18, 1962**, during the **Sino-Indian War, 1962**.
 - Fought between Indian and Chinese troops on the south-eastern ridge of the Chushul Valley of Eastern Ladakh.
- **Major Shaitan Singh** led the 13 Kumaon Regiment's Ahir company.
 - Singh was posthumously awarded the **Param Vir Chakra**, India's highest wartime gallantry award.
- Despite being heavily outnumbered, Indian soldiers fought valiantly, inflicting massive casualties on the Chinese.
- The battle is remembered as a symbol of courage, sacrifice, and patriotism.
- A **war memorial** was built at Rezang La in 1963 to honor the 114 soldiers who died.
- **Significance of Rezang La** - Its defence is crucial to safeguard the **Chushul air base and Ladakh's security**, as Chinese control here would open a direct route to Leh.
 - **Rezang La** - A **mountain pass** located at 16,000 feet, on the Line of Actual Control between Ladakh and the China's Spanggur Lake basin.



Other Important Mountain Passes -

Pass	Altitude	Location	Significance
Lipulekh	5,115 m	Uttarakhand-Tibet, near Nepal trijunction	Ancient trade & pilgrimage route between Indian subcontinent and Tibetan Plateau
Nathu La	4,310 m	Sikkim-Tibet	Historic trade route; one of two passes (with Jelep La) linking Sikkim & Tibet
Chang La	17,590 ft	Ladakh (Leh to Pangong Lake)	Among the highest motorable passes; key access to Pangong Lake
Shipki La	4,500-5,000 m	Himachal Pradesh (Kinnaur) -Tibet	Restricted access; used for limited cross-border trade
Zoji La	3,528 m	Near Dras, Jammu & Kashmir	Vital link between Kashmir Valley, Indus Valley, and Suru Valley
Bomdi La	4,331 m	West Kameng district, Arunachal Pradesh	It historically connected the Arunachal Pradesh with Lhasa, the capital of Tibet.

Reference

[Indian Express | '120 Bahadur' brings Battle of Rezang La into focus](#)



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