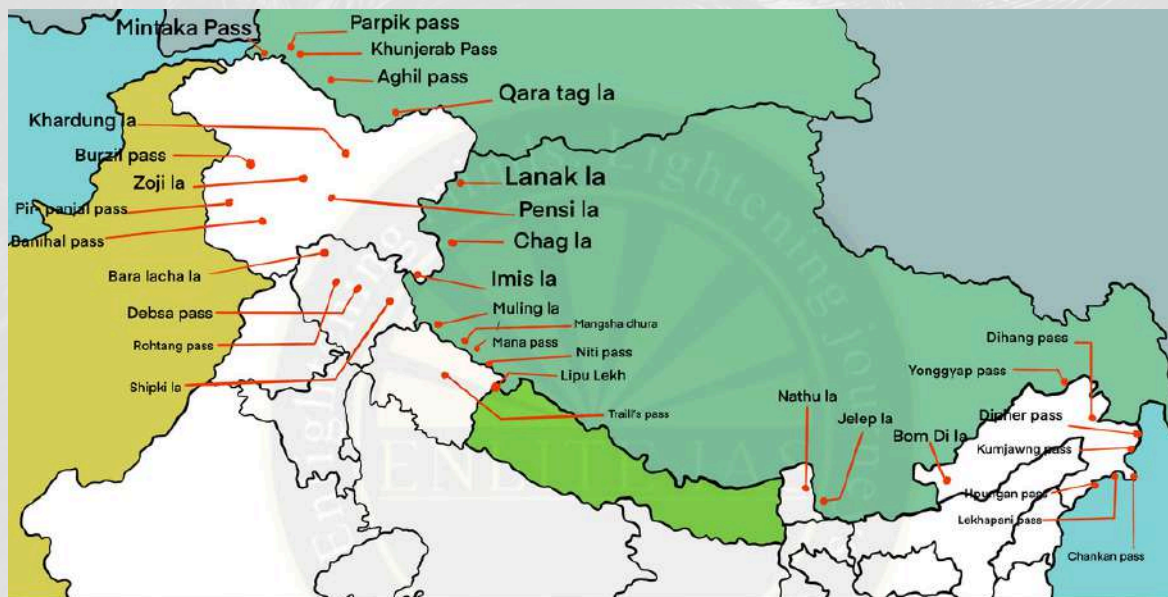


## 1 Nathu La Pass (Source: The Hindu)

- Nathu La is a crucial, high-altitude Himalayan mountain pass connecting the Indian state of Sikkim with the Tibet Autonomous Region of China.
- It is located in the Eastern Himalayas
- Part of the ancient Silk Route.
- Nathu La serves as a motorable route for the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra.



## Mountain passes in Himalayas



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## 2 European Union (EU) (Source: The Hindu)

- The European Union was established in 1993 and is a global entity comprising 27 nations from Europe.
- *Following the Maastricht Treaty, also known as the Treaty of the European Union (TEU), the EU came into force.*
  - The treaty was ratified by 28 nations, and it entered into force in 1992. Recently, Britain exited the treaty.
- *It is an economic and political bloc, out of 27 countries, 19 countries use the EURO as their official currency.*
- The EU has developed an internal single market through a standardized system of laws that apply in all member states in matters where members have agreed to act as one.

## 3 Application of Drones in Various Sectors (Source: The Indian Express)

### APPLICATION OF DRONES IN VARIOUS SECTORS

Drones are revolutionizing the way we work and live by delivering efficient, safer, faster and cost-effective solutions.

**1 AGRICULTURE**

- Crop monitoring and health analysis
- Precision spraying
- Yield estimation and field mapping
- Soil and water management

**4 DISASTER MANAGEMENT**

- Real-time aerial monitoring
- Search and rescue operations
- Damage assessment
- Disaster response and relief delivery

**2 CONSTRUCTION**

- Site surveying and mapping
- Progress monitoring
- Volume calculations and 3D modeling
- Safety inspections

**5 LOGISTICS & DELIVERY**

- Last-mile delivery
- Faster and cost-effective transportation
- Reach remote or inaccessible areas
- Inventory and warehouse management

**6 MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT**

- Aerial photography and videography
- Live event coverage
- Cinematic shots and creative content
- Mapping for virtual production and tourism

**7 ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING**

- Wildlife monitoring and conservation
- Forest and vegetation mapping
- Pollution monitoring
- Climate research and environmental assessments

**8 WAR & DEFENSE**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR)</li> <li> Real-time battlefield situational awareness</li> <li> Target acquisition and tracking</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Border and perimeter surveillance</li> <li> Electronic warfare and signal intelligence</li> <li> Logistics support and payload delivery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Combat operations and loitering munitions</li> <li> Force protection and threat detection</li> <li> Search and rescue in hostile areas</li> </ul>
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**KEY BENEFITS OF DRONES**

<b>Save Time</b> Complete tasks faster	<b>Improve Safety</b> Reduce human risk in hazardous areas	<b>Increase Efficiency</b> Accurate data for better decision making	<b>Cost-Effective</b> Lower operational costs	<b>Eco-Friendly</b> Minimize environmental impact
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