

# Umlingla pass - highest motorable road in the world

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**In news-** The Border Roads Organisation has constructed and black-topped the highest motorable road in the world in **eastern Ladakh**.

## **More information-**

- The road at Umlingla Pass is constructed at an **altitude of 19,300 ft.**
- In winter, the temperature falls to -40 degree Celsius and the oxygen level at this altitude is almost 50 per cent less than at normal places.
- The previous record of the highest road was in Bolivia at 18,953 ft.
- This new **road now connects the important towns in Chumar sector** of eastern Ladakh.
- It has been **constructed at an altitude higher than the Mount Everest base camps** – the south base camp in Nepal is at an altitude of 17,598 feet, while the north base camp in Tibet is at 16,900 feet.
- The road has been constructed much above the altitude of Siachen Glacier which is at 17,700 ft.
- **Khardung La Pass in Ladakh** is India's second highest road at nearly 17,600 feet.

