



India-China Standoff and Patrolling Arrangements Along LAC

Why in News?

India and China have been engaged in a prolonged [standoff since 2020](#) along the [Line of Actual Control \(LAC\)](#) in the Ladakh region, with several points of contention and military confrontations.

- Recent developments indicate efforts towards easing tensions and restructuring patrolling arrangements.

Key Points

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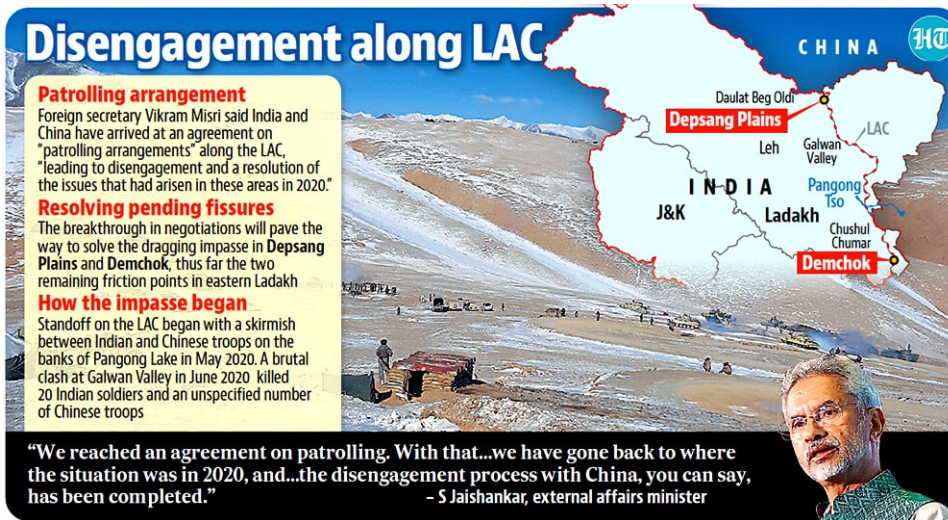
Key Events in India-China Border Tensions



- **Sectors Across the LAC:** It is divided into three sectors.

- The [eastern sector](#) which spans Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim (1346 km).
- The [middle sector](#) in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh (545 km).
- The [western sector](#) in Ladakh (1597 km).
- The alignment of the LAC in the eastern sector is along the [1914 McMahon Line](#).
 - The McMahon line marked out previously unclaimed/undefined borders between **Britain and Tibet**. The middle sector is the least disputed sector, while the western sector witnesses the highest transgressions between the two sides

Disengagement along LAC



Patrolling arrangement
Foreign secretary Vikram Misri said India and China have arrived at an agreement on "patrolling arrangements" along the LAC, "leading to disengagement and a resolution of the issues that had arisen in these areas in 2020."

Resolving pending fissures
The breakthrough in negotiations will pave the way to solve the dragging impasse in **Depsang Plains** and **Demchok**, thus far the two remaining friction points in eastern Ladakh

How the impasse began
Standoff on the LAC began with a skirmish between Indian and Chinese troops on the banks of Pangong Lake in May 2020. A brutal clash at Galwan Valley in June 2020 killed 20 Indian soldiers and an unspecified number of Chinese troops

"We reached an agreement on patrolling. With that...we have gone back to where the situation was in 2020, and...the disengagement process with China, you can say, has been completed."
- S Jaishankar, external affairs minister

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