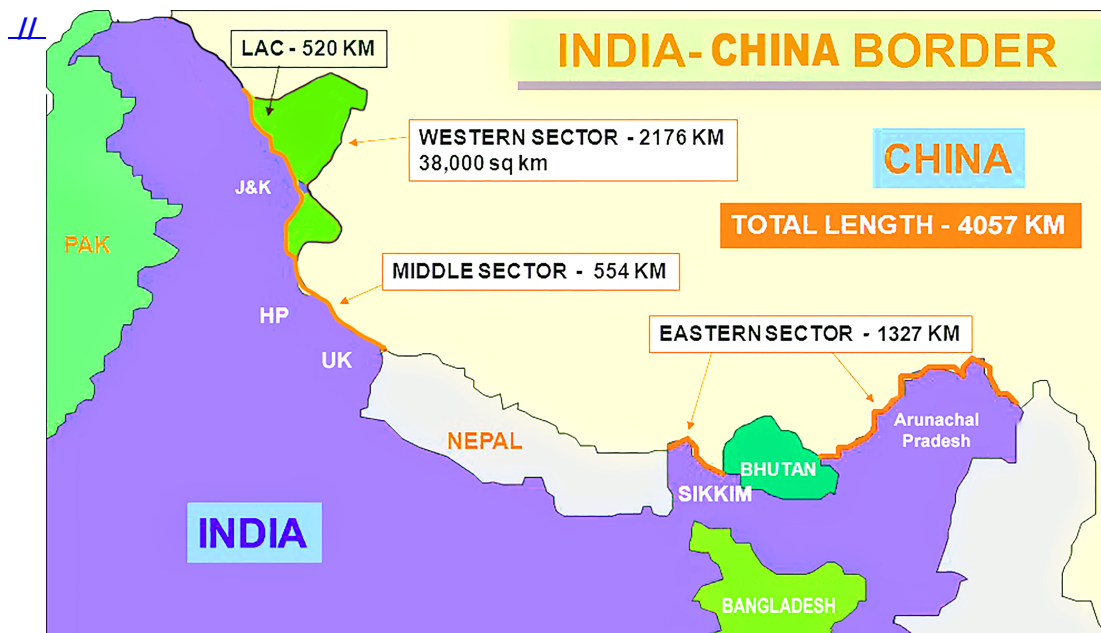




India-China Hotline

Why in News

Recently, India and China announced that both have agreed to establish a **Hotline**.



Key Points

▪ Hotline:

- The decision to install a **Hotline** between the two countries was taken over a telephonic meeting between India's External Affairs Minister and China's Foreign Affairs Minister.
 - Hotline is a **direct telephone line** in constant operational readiness so as to facilitate immediate communication.
- The Hotline will be helpful in timely communication and exchange of views between the two countries.

▪ India's Stand:

- Reiterated the **'three mutuals'** (mutual respect, mutual sensitivity and mutual interests) as the approach to the relationship.
- Disengagement, followed by de-escalation, will lead to peace along the **Line of Actual Control (LAC)**, and eventually normalisation of ties.

▪ China's Stand:

- The boundary situation should not be placed at the front and centre of the relationship, but instead at a "proper place" in overall ties.

- The indication was the **two sides should return to business as usual** while the issue is dealt with.

▪ **Recent Developments:**

- **May 2020:** Chinese and Indian forces clashed at [Nathu La, Sikkim](#) (India).
 - After the Sikkim scuffles, tensions between the two countries rose in Ladakh, with a multi-place mobilization of troops.
- **June 2020:** Indian and Chinese armies were engaged in the [standoff in Pangong Tso, Galwan Valley](#), Demchok and Daulat Beg Oldie in eastern Ladakh which became the heart of the recent **LAC tensions**.
- **June 2020:** India banned [59 apps originating from China](#).
- **November 2020:** India blocked 43 new mobile apps, [mostly Chinese](#).
 - The ban has been enforced under [Section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000](#).
- February 2021: India and China decided to finally reach an [agreement on disengagement at Pangong Lake](#).

Way Forward

- It is imperative for the two sides to cherish the hard-won relaxation, and **work together to consolidate the progress**, keep up the consultation momentum, further **ease the situation, and improve the border management and control mechanisms**.
- As two big emerging economies, **China and India need to pursue development alongside each other**, move forward in partnership instead of hindrance, and work together for shared progress rather than erecting walls against each other.
- India and China also **need to advance the boundary talks to build up mutual trust and realize peace and tranquility** in the border areas.

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