

8-Point Boundary Consensus (India-China)

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Why in News?

Recently, India and China jointly announced the Special Representatives (SR) dialogue on the boundary question.

- **Special Representatives (SR) Dialogue** - Co-chaired by Ajit Doval (India) and Wang Yi (China).
- **Outcome** - *8-point consensus.*
- **Aimed at** - Improving boundary management and bilateral relations.
- **Early & Substantial Harvest** - Expert and Working Group will advance discussions on an "Early and Substantial Harvest" of border management.
- **Terms of Reference (ToR)** - The first task of both groups is to finalise their respective ToRs.
- **Border management** - Agreement on 2 additional military meeting points and 2 additional military hotline channels in the Eastern and Middle Sectors.
- **LAC** - Both sides agreed to improve understanding of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in appropriate areas.
 - LAC is the *line separating areas of actual control between India and China*. It is not a mutually demarcated international boundary.
- **Diplomatic & military channels** - Ground situations will be addressed through WMCC, local commander-level meetings and other agreed mechanisms.
 - WMCC (Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination) It deals primarily with border-related management and diplomatic coordination
- **Boundary settlement** - Negotiations will follow the 2005 Agreement on Political Parameters and Guiding Principles for settlement of the India-China boundary question.
- **Border trade** - Both sides welcomed the reopening of three designated border trading points and agreed to strengthen border trade and pilgrimage.
- **Kailash-Manasarovar Yatra** - China agreed to increase the number of batches of Indian pilgrims.
- **Trans-border rivers** - The next meeting of the Expert-Level Mechanism on Trans-border Rivers is scheduled for September.
- **Hydrological data** - Both sides will continue communication on hydrological data sharing and renewal of relevant MoUs.
- **Next SR Talks** - 26th round is to be held in India in 2027.

Reference

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