

India to Deploy Soldiers Along Border with China in Uttarakhand

Why in News?

The Indian government has freed a strong contingent of **10,000 soldiers** to strengthen its disputed border with China.

Key Points

- It is supposed to be deployed to guard the strategically important 532 km (330.57 miles) stretch of the <u>Indo-China border</u> in the northern states of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh.
- The unprecedented deployment of troops highlights both the region's strategic importance and its growing sensitivity in the eyes of India's leaders.
- The area has seen huge infrastructure investment and development in the last decade.
 - In 2021, India repositioned an additional 50,000 soldiers to patrol its border along with China, after a deadly border clash in 2020 that left at least 20 Indian soldiers dead at the Galwan area of Eastern Ladakh.

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