



New Reserved Areas Near LAC and LoC

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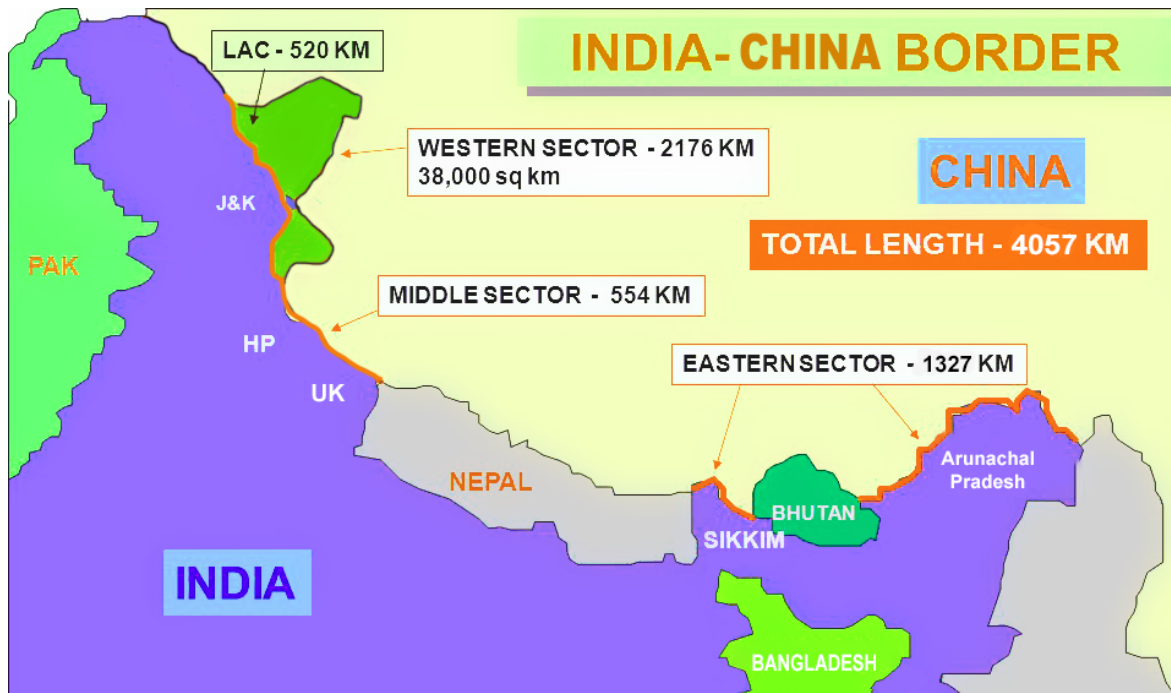
The **Ladakh administration** has declared **52 villages along the [Line of Actual Control \(LAC\)](#)** as **reserved areas**, allowing residents to access [reservation](#) benefits in recruitment and other sectors.

Key Points

- **Official Declaration of Areas Along the LAC:**
 - The issued notification is under the **Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Act, 2004**, as amended by the **Ladakh Reservation (Amendment) Regulation, 2025**.
 - The notification includes:
 - 18 revenue villages in Leh district situated along the [Line of Control \(LoC\)](#) and **LAC**.
 - 34 revenue villages in Kargil district along the LoC.
 - In total, 52 villages have been declared as adjoining the LAC.
- **Reservation Benefits for Border Residents:**
 - Residents of these officially declared villages will now be eligible for reservation benefits.
 - These benefits cover recruitment and other welfare sectors, aiming to support communities living in strategically sensitive and remote areas.

Line of Actual Control (LAC)

- It serves as the **boundary separating Indian-controlled territory from Chinese-controlled territory**.
 - The [India-China Border](#) is not fully demarcated which has led to tensions between the countries.
- This demarcation is categorized into three sectors:
 - **Eastern sector** encompassing **Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim**.
 - **Middle sector** spanning **Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh**.
 - **Western sector** located in **Ladakh**.



Line of Control



- The Line of Control (LoC) **emerged from the 1948 ceasefire line negotiated by the [United Nations \(UN\)](#)** after the Kashmir War.
- It was designated as the LoC in 1972, **following the [Simla Agreement](#)** between the two countries.
- LoC is **demarcated up to the [Siachen Glacier](#) (Point NJ9842)**- the world's highest battlefield.
- LoC is delineated on a map signed by the Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) of both armies and has **the international sanctity of a legal agreement**.

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