

75 Years of India-China Relations

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On 1st April 2025, India and China marked 75 years of diplomatic ties, established on 1st April 1950.

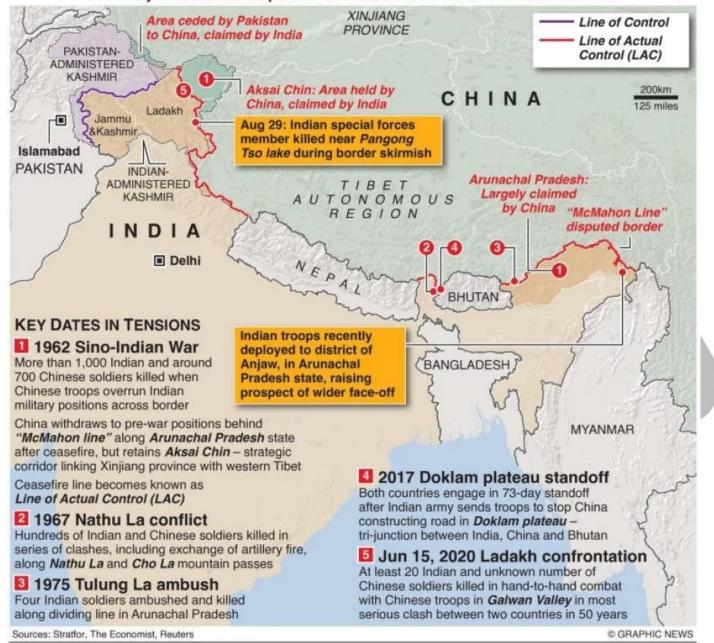
The Chinese President described India-China ties as a "Dragon-Elephant Tango", symbolizing coexistence, shared growth over rivalry.

75 Years of India-China Diplomacy

- India-China relations have evolved from ancient cultural and trade exchanges, including the spread of <u>Buddhism</u> via the <u>Silk Road</u>, to <u>post-independence</u> (1950s) symbolised by the "Hindi-Chini Bhai-Bhai" spirit.
- The <u>Sino-Indian War (1962)</u> led to a diplomatic freeze, but ties normalized in the 1980s-2000s through 1993 Agreement on Peace and Tranquility, 1996 Agreement on Military Confidence Building Measures (CBMs) and growing trade.
- India and China maintain robust economic ties, with bilateral trade reaching USD 118.4 billion in 2023-24, and investments of over USD 3.5 billion in Indian unicorns.
- Cultural ties are reinforced through academic exchanges, and events like <u>Tagore's</u> centenary seminar in 2025.
- Multilaterally, they collaborate in <u>BRICS</u>, <u>SCO</u>, <u>G-20</u> and support initiatives like the <u>International</u> <u>Solar Alliance (ISA)</u>.
- Key issues include the undefined 3,488 km LAC causing frequent clashes such as <u>Doklam</u>
 (2017) and <u>Galwan (2020)</u> and strategic concerns over <u>China's BRI</u> and <u>CPEC</u> through PoK.

India and China face off again at border

Indian and Chinese troops have clashed again along their disputed border, in a sign that the deadly tensions that erupted in June between the nuclear-armed rivals remain



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