

# India, China military hotline set up in north Sikkim

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**In news-** Recently, the Indian Army and the People's Liberation Army have established a new hotline for on-ground communication in Sikkim.

## **About new hotline-**

- The hotline was established **between** Indian Army in **Kongra La, North Sikkim, and the PLA at Khamba Dzong in Tibetan Autonomous Region.**
- The new hotline comes a day after the two sides held the 12th round of Corps Commander-level talks on the Chinese side of the Chushul-Moldo Border Personnel Meeting point
- With the setting up of the hotline, the ground commanders will be able to speak directly and resolve any differences if they crop up.
- This is the **sixth hotline** for local commanders between the two armies – **two in eastern Ladakh, two in Arunachal Pradesh and two in Sikkim.**
- The hotlines have been helpful in keeping things largely under control in eastern Ladakh, where the two armies are involved in the standoff.

## **What is a Military Hotline?**

- A hotline is a point-to-point communications link in which a call is automatically directed to the preselected destination without any additional action by the user when the end instrument goes off-hook.
- An example would be a phone that automatically connects to emergency services on picking up the receiver.
- Therefore, dedicated hotline phones do not need a rotary dial or keypad.