China-India Border Issues and Northeast India: A View from India

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INSURGENCIES IN INDIA

Map of the North East

- Red: Maoist Insurgency
- Yellow: Sikh Insurgency

Key:
- Naga National Council (NNC)
- Kanglei Yawol Kanna Lup (KYKL)
- Peoples's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK)
- United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA)
- Dima Halam Daogah (DHD)
- National Socialist Council of Nagalim-Isak-Muivah (NSCN-IM)
- United National Liberation Front (UNLF)
- Revolutionary People's Front (RPF)
- People's Liberation Army (PLA)
Major Ethnic profile of the India-China-Myanmar Trans-borders

A Menba (China)

Adi, Nishi, Bengni, Hill Miri, Tagin, Apatani & Mising (India)/Lhoba (China)

Lhoba (China)

Hkamti (Myanmar)

Kachin (Myanmar)/Jingpo (China)

Khamti (Myanmar)

Arunachalis

The Chicken’s neck
Significant Factors

- Disputed Border and Territorial Claim.
- Tibet as the Core Issue.
- Balance of Military Forces.
- Military Exercises
- Infrastructure Development
- India US Relationship
- Local Perceptions on the disputed border
- Negotiations
- Future Scenarios
Upper Brahmaputra, from a NASA shuttle, 200 km from the earth.
McMahon Line

Chinese claimed border

Bhutan

Tawang
TIBET AS CORE
Balance of Military Forces. Military Exercises.
China’s Missile Deployment

Rapid Deployment
Infrastructure
India-US Relationship
Local Perspective on the Border
Complexity of the Negotiations

- **1993 Agreement:** Agreement on the Maintenance of Peace and Tranquility along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the India-China Border Area
- **1996 Agreement:** CBMs in the Military Field
- **2003 Agreement:** Declaration on Principles for Relations and Comprehensive Cooperation
- **2005 Guiding principles**
- **Stalled? Fixed Positions? Swap?**
Future Scenarios

- Deterrence Signaling
- Local Strength
- Governance and Riparian Issues
- Transparency?
- Accepting status quo?
- Military balance
The recent dispute in Ladakh