

INDIA, CHINA TO SEEK FAIR BORDER SOLUTION

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It said both sides agreed that it was important to maintain peace and tranquillity in the border areas for the “overall bilateral relationship”.

A statement issued by the Chinese embassy on the talks said the two countries are planning 70 events to celebrate the 70th anniversary of diplomatic ties next year. The statement added that the two sides would “actively advance boundary negotiations in line with the Agreement on the Political Parameters and Guiding Principles for the Settlement of the India-China Boundary Question”.

The 22nd round was led by National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and Chinese State Councillor and Minister of Foreign Affairs Wang Yi.

The MEA statement said the officials underlined the importance of approaching the question from the “strategic perspective of India-China relations”.

The Indian and Chinese leaders last met at the Mamallapuram informal summit in October. Saturday’s border-related meeting was specially significant as China has been critical of India’s August 5 decision to end the special status of Jammu and Kashmir and bifurcation of the region into two Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh. India had retorted by reiterating Delhi’s claims over the Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (POK) by urging China to stop its activities in that region.

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