

Beijing fumes at PM Modi's visit to Arunachal Pradesh

Warm welcome: Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu presenting a gift to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to mark the 30 years of statehood, in Itanagar on Thursday. AFP/ PIB

China has slammed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Arunachal Pradesh, saying it was not helpful in creating "enabling conditions" for boundary talks and improving Beijing-New Delhi ties.

Xinhua news agency quoted Foreign Ministry spokesperson Geng Shuang as saying on Thursday that China was "firmly opposed" to Mr. Modi's visit to the "disputed area."

'Consistent stand'

"China's position on the China-India boundary question is consistent and clear-cut," Mr. Geng said. "The Chinese government has never recognised the so-called Arunachal Pradesh and is firmly opposed to the Indian leader's visit to the disputed area," the spokesperson observed. "We will lodge stern representations with the Indian side." Mr. Geng said that China and India had reached "important consensus" on properly managing disputes and the two sides were working to resolve territorial disputes through negotiation and consultation.

"The Chinese side urges the Indian side to honour its commitment and abide by the relevant consensus, and refrain from taking any action that may complicate the boundary question."

He urged India to cherish "the hard-won momentum of improvements in bilateral relations and create enabling conditions for the boundary talks and the development of bilateral relations."

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