

## NO-PATROL ZONES



### Issue

Troops of India and China have reached an agreement for withdrawal from Patrol Point 17A near the Gogra Post.

### Background

Ever since the skirmish in Galwan valley, India and China have been trying to bring an amicable end to the conflict by discussions.

### Details

- Both countries have their definition of no-patrol points differing from each other. These areas will have no presence of troops from either country.
- The no-patrol points are significant as it will avoid another face-off between two armies when they encounter each other during patrols.

### Previous history

- No-patrol point concept was first applied during the 1962 war when China announced ceasefire and brought back their troops from their perceived location of LAC.
- This allowed creation of buffer between its troops and India's. The same idea was used by India in 2013 when Chinese soldiers had pitched their tents inside Indian territory.

### Significance of patrolling

- Patrolling is a way by forces to assert their control over a particular territory. This is important since the borders are unmarked and highly disputed.

- In absence of patrolling, the other country can further come inside and claim it as their territory by citing its patrolling.
- A body known as the China Study Group (CSG) decides on the patrolling points. It has the sole authority to advice the central government over Chinese matters.
- Some of the patrolling points have been marked over the map whereas others have been based on the historic traditions.

### Duration

The duration of no-patrolling is temporary to prevent new face-off from occurring. India still exercises its right to patrol these areas.

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