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PM calls on President as Ladakh stand-off continues

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Prime Minister Narendra Modi called on President Ram Nath Kovind on Sunday, amid continuing military stand-off along India-China disputed boundary in eastern Ladakh.

Modi briefed Kovind "on the issues of national and it marticinal importance", Rashtrapan Bhavan posted on Twitter but refrained from divulging further details. The meeting between the prime minister and the President, who is the supreme commander of the Indian Army, Air Force and Navy, is significant, as the stand-off along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) already enter the intermedian and the control (LAC) already enter the stand-oft the third month.

The prime minister called on the President two days after he visited Ladakh — closer the scene of the stand-off detween the Indian Army and China's PLA—and took a subtle dig at China, stating that the era of expansionism was over and the history had witnessed that expansionist forces had always been defeated.

A source told DH that the prime minister had briefed the President about his visit to Ladakh, the situation dong the LAC and the status of the talks between the diplomats and the senior military officials of India and China to resolve the standoff and defuse tension.

He also briefed the President about the continuous unprovoked ceasefire violation by Pakistan Army along the LoC as well as the undisputed stretch of border between India and the western neighbouring country, said the source.

New Delhi is continuing talks with Beijing to resolve the stand-off in eastern Ladakh.