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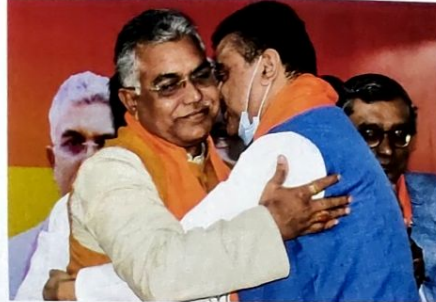
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CONSTANT VIGILANCE
Army chief Gen. M.M. Naravane (left) at Rechin La to assess the situation along the LAC with 14 Corps Cdr. Lt. Gen. P.G.K. Menon

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THE TWO AND A HALF FRONT WAR

By Sandeep Unnithan

At his annual press conference held on January 12, ahead of the Army Day celebration on January 15, army chief General M.M. Naravane outlined the challenges facing the world's second-largest fighting force. An active 'two and a half front war'—armyspeak for all its external and internal security challenges—is now a reality. The two fronts being China and Pakistan and the half front being

counter insurgency.

Over 100,000 soldiers of the world's two largest armies are currently facing off along the Indo-China border, the longest disputed boundary, most of which is at altitudes of over 8,000 ft. It's a brutal game of endurance to see who blinks first—that too in winter with temperatures dropping to a bone-chilling 30 degrees below zero in places.

The Indian Army's principal adver-

saries—China, on the northern front, and Pakistan, the western front—behaving more 'collusively', training and operating together and exchanging intelligence. India shares a 3,488 km disputed Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China, divided into three sections—western, central and eastern. The western sector, Ladakh, flared up in May 2020, when China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) massively