

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

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- In light of the ongoing unrest in Bangladesh, the Border Security Force Meghalaya Frontier has heightened security measures to ensure effective border domination and management.
- Night curfew has been clamped in the bordering districts Pherzawl and Jiribam in Manipur to curb potential illegal immigration from Bangladesh.
- Thousands of people demonstrated peacefully in Kohima yesterday in fight against the unabated illegal taxations, harassment, intimidation and death threat to common people by Naga national political groups.
- At least 42 people died in calamities in Mizoram between March and May this year, officials said.
- On the second day of the Budget Session yesterday, the Sikkim Assembly paid homage to late legislators of the state.
- The Department of Industries and Commerce, Government of Nagaland and Open Network for Digital Commerce signed a Memorandum of Understanding at Kohima yesterday to collaborate in facilitating digital sales for small businesses, farmers, artisans and entrepreneurs.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

MEETING:

The government yesterday convened an all-party meeting on the issue of Bangladesh. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar briefed the leaders on the issue. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju, and Union Minister and BJP president JP Nadda were present in the meeting. Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi was among those who took part in the deliberations.

SITUATION:

In a statement in both Houses of Parliament over the situation in Bangladesh yesterday, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said, presently, around 19 thousand Indian nationals are in Bangladesh, including 9000 students. The bulk of the students have already returned to India last month. He said New Delhi is monitoring the situation with regard to the status of minorities. There are reports of initiatives by various groups and organizations to ensure their protection and well-being. He said India welcomes these initiatives but will remain deeply concerned till law and order is visibly restored.

VIGIL:

In light of the ongoing unrest in Bangladesh, the Border Security Force Meghalaya Frontier has heightened security measures to ensure effective border domination and management. Extensive operations are underway along the border to prevent illegal entry and smuggling activities. All land customs stations and integrated check posts on the International Border of Meghalaya have been put on high alert and civilian movement has been restricted along the Indo-Bangladesh border. The Meghalaya government has also imposed night curfew along the entire border with Bangladesh.

MANIPUR:

Night curfew has been clamped in the bordering districts Pherzawl and Jiribam in Manipur to curb potential illegal immigration from Bangladesh. On the other hand, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has proposed the formation of a House Committee in the Legislative Assembly to examine the influx of illegal immigrants. He told the assembly yesterday that the ongoing unrest in Myanmar could be the reason for influx of immigrants to Manipur. Villagers in the border area, if

found providing shelter to the immigrants will be punished as per law. At present, the immigrants are given shelter on humanitarian grounds, the chief minister said.

RALLY-NAGALAND:

Thousands of people demonstrated peacefully in Kohima yesterday in fight against the unabated illegal taxations, harassment, intimidation and death threat to common people by Naga national political groups. A public rally initiated by the Angami Youth Organization saw people from all walks of life braving rain to voice their resentment and give clarion call to all Naga political groups to refrain from such illegal activities. Later, the organization submitted a memorandum to the Governor requesting immediate remedial measures. Various civil society organisations in Nagaland have condemned the NSCN-K (Khango) group, which had issued a death threat to a local contractor for not fulfilling its demand for paying illegal tax.

MIZORAM:

At least 42 people died in calamities in Mizoram between March and May this year, officials said. During a Mizoram State Disaster Management Authority meeting chaired by Chief Minister Lalduhoma, they mentioned that 5,938 houses and buildings were destroyed due to disasters. Of the 42 deceased, 34 were killed when houses were severely damaged by landslides in seven areas in the state capital Aizawl on 28th May.

SIKKIM:

On the second day of the Budget Session yesterday, the Sikkim Assembly paid homage to late legislators of the state. Speaker Mingma Norbu Sherpa and Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang highlighted their contributions, emphasizing their dedication and service to the state. A motion of thanks on the Governor's address was also passed without discussion.

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The Department of Industries and Commerce, Government of Nagaland and Open Network for Digital Commerce signed a Memorandum of Understanding at Kohima yesterday to collaborate in facilitating digital sales for small businesses, farmers, artisans and entrepreneurs. The collaborative efforts also aim to empower and enable these diverse business entities by leveraging digital solutions and fostering sustainable growth.
