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HEADLINES:-

- Director General of BSF, Daljit Singh Chawdhary reviews security and operational preparedness along 856 Km long Indo-Bangla border in Tripura.
- Assam Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma expresses concerns that ongoing political turmoil in Bangladesh may lead to country becoming safe haven for insurgent groups from North East and calls for vigilance and proactive measures to prevent such scenario.
- Manipur Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh informs State Assembly that 348 crore rupees sanctioned for operation of relief camps schemes; State engages constantly with Government of India at various levels to expedite construction of Indo-Myanmar border fence in Manipur.
- Interim government in Bangladesh headed by Nobel Laureate, Prof Muhammad Yunus will take oath today.
- Manipur Legislative Assembly unanimously passes seven Demands for Grants amounting to six thousand five hundred seventy crore rupees; House Committee formed to inquire into influx of illegal immigrants and unnatural growth of new villages in the state.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K. Sangma attends meeting at Nongpoh in Ri Bhoi district as part of CM FARM+ mission which aims at supporting farmers, building groups, and fostering youth and entrepreneurship.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

DG BSF:

Director General of BSF, Daljit Singh Chawdhary yesterday reviewed the security and operational preparedness along the 856 Km long Indo-Bangla border in Tripura. Coming on a day's visit to the state amid ongoing turmoil in neighbouring Bangladesh, he chaired a meeting with high officials of the BSF at the Frontier headquarters at Salbagan in Agartala. Chawdhary applauded the tireless efforts of the paramilitary force in safeguarding the border by preventing any kind of infiltration and trans-border crimes. During his short visit, Chawdhary also met the Director General of Tripura Police, Amitabh Ranjan and DG Intelligence Anurag Dhankar. Meanwhile, the BSF in a joint operation with Tripura Police apprehended 11 Bangladeshi nationals who had crossed over to the Indian side illegally on the intervening night of Tuesday and Wednesday. Contraband substances to the tune of 72 lakh rupees were recovered including 10 thousand Yaba tablets to the tune of 50 lakh rupees.

HIMANTA :

Assam Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma yesterday expressed concerns that ongoing political turmoil in Bangladesh might lead to the country becoming a safe haven for insurgent groups from the North East and emphasized the need for vigilance and proactive measures to prevent such a scenario, which could have significant security implications for the region. He said that during Sheikh Hasina's

regime, all Northeast-based insurgent groups were driven out of Bangladesh. However, given the current political turmoil, Bangladesh might again become a safe haven for these insurgents, Sarma observed.

SCHEMES:

Manipur Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh informed the State Assembly yesterday that three hundred forty-eight crore rupees has been sanctioned for operation of relief camps schemes. Replying to a query raised by an opposition MLA, the Chief Minister said, the amount sanctioned through the Deputy Commissioners provides basic necessities to the relief centres. He also informed the House that monthly stipend was earlier released to the bank account of the representatives of militant groups under the Suspension of Operation. He said that the Manipur government has been engaging constantly with the Government of India at various levels to expedite construction of the Indo-Myanmar border fence in Manipur. Border fencing of 10 kms along the Indo-Myanmar border by the Ministry of Home Affairs was sanctioned for the first phase in February, 2010. The State Government has submitted two proposals to the Government of India after identifying vulnerable areas that required border fencing along the Indo-Myanmar border.

BANGLADESH:

In Bangladesh, the interim government headed by Nobel Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus will take oath today. Bangladesh Army Chief, General Waker-Uz-Zaman yesterday said the size of the government has not been finalized yet, initially some 15 individuals may take oath as the advisers of the interim government. However, one or two more individuals may be added. The army chief said, Dr Yunus is expected to arrive in the country around 2:10 pm today. Meanwhile, General Waker hoped that the situation in Bangladesh will be normal within three-four days.

GRANTS:

In Manipur, the State Legislative Assembly unanimously passed seven Demands for Grants amounting to six thousand five hundred seventy crore rupees yesterday. On the other hand, Assembly Speaker, Th. Satyabrata Singh informed that a House Committee was formed under the Manipur Legislative Assembly Procedure and Conduct of Business Rule to inquire into influx of illegal immigrants and unnatural growth of new villages in the state of Manipur. The said Committee will consist of 12 members including opposition MLAs, with State Water Resources Minister Shri Awangbou Newmai as the Chairman. The Committee will submit its report within 3 months.

FARM+:

Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K. Sangma yesterday attended a meeting at Nongpoh in Ri Bhoi district as part of the CM FARM+ mission which aimed at supporting farmers, building groups, and fostering youth and entrepreneurship. The meeting was also attended by Health Minister Dr. Ampareen Lyngdoh, Nongpoh MLA, Mayral Born Syiem, Ri Bhoi Deputy Commissioner Abhilash Barwanwal, officers from the line department and farmers from Ri Bhoi District. In the meeting, the chief minister distributed the sapling of large cardamon to the farmers of Ri Bhoi District. The CM FARM+ is an initiative to promote area-expansion and productivity enhancement of high-value and long-gestation crops, leveraging the climatic advantage of Meghalaya.
