

# Top BSF officer reviews operational preparedness of Manipur Sector



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Dr. K C Mahali, IPS, Inspector General, Mizoram & Cachar Frontier made a three days visit to Manipur and Nagaland to review the operational preparedness of BSF Battalions deployed in Manipur and Nagaland. BSF companies are deployed in districts of Churachandpur, Bishnupur, Thoubal and Imphal East. Apart from it BSF troops are also providing security cover to highly sensitive State Assembly and High court complexes. Sh Anand Singh, DIG Sector Manipur, Sh J C Nayak DIG(Intelligence) Ftr Hq and other senior officer's also accompanied the IG during the visit. Post grenade blast

incident on 16th Nov'2018 at State Assembly, it was imperative to review the security scenario. Dr KC Mahali, IPS took stock of the situation and spoke to jawans. He carried out thorough review of BSF deployment and directed troops to remain more vigilant. Thereafter, on the same day, he called on DGP Manipur and ADGP (Law and order) of Police HQ and discussed measures to strengthen both the complexes including physical and technological solutions. During his two days' visit in Manipur, the IG also visited CI-Posts in Bishnupur/CCPur districts, Manipur. He talked to officers, SOs and jawans at BSF Headquarters, Koirengi in a Sainik

Samelan and informed them about various welfare schemes being carried out by the Frontier Headquarters and asked them to remain security conscious at all time considering prevalent security scenario. Smt Vijaya Mahali, BWWA, President visited welfare Centre of BSF campus and reviewed various social and welfare activities of families residing in the campus. She also inaugurated newly constructed residential buildings along with the IG. Dr. Mahali appreciated the way troops are performing their duties in this CI environment. On 30th Nov'2018, the IG proceeded to Nagaland to review BSF deployment in the state.

# Rajasthan polls: Congress, BJP to slug it out for ten seats in Gehlot's home turf

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As poll campaign gains momentum in Rajasthan, former chief minister Ashok Gehlot's home turf Jodhpur is bracing for an interesting fight with the Congress putting all its efforts on 10 seats of the district, of which the BJP had swept nine in the last assembly elections in 2013. The Congress has given tickets to eight new candidates, while retaining Gehlot from Sardarpura and Hira Ram from the Bilada constituency. On the other side, BJP has repeated all its sitting legislators in the nine seats it had won last time. On the one seat the saffron party lost last time, Gehlot's Sardarpura, the party has again fielded the candidate who had fought against the Congress heavyweight five years ago. BJP has pitted Shambu Singh Khetasari opposite Gehlot, who was defeated in the 2013 election by 18,478 votes. Khetasari is the chairman of the State Seed Corporation and enjoys a ministerial status in the current BJP government. "Sardarpura is a strong bastion of Gehlot. He has

been elected from this seat consecutively since 1998," Congress spokesperson Ajay Trivedi said. "In the last four assembly elections, the BJP had changed its faces to defeat Gehlot, but none of them has been able to snatch Sardarpura from the Congress," he added. The BJP candidate, however, exuded confidence of winning the seat. "Gehlot has an upper hand due to a caste-based vote bank. There is no other basis. Public sentiments are not with the Congress. Gehlot has neglected constituency," Khetasari told Agency. Gehlot has, however, rubbished these allegations. "Since Jodhpur is my hometown, it has suffered a step-motherly treatment by the Vasundhara Raje government. She purposefully deprived Jodhpur from developmental works," he said. Congress' other candidates for the district's assembly seats include three faces from well-known political families of the state, including some linked to controversies in the past.

# Former US president George H W Bush dies

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Houston, Dec 1

George H W Bush, the 41st president of the US who led America during the collapse of the Soviet Union and the turning back of an Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, died on Friday. He was 94. His death, which was announced by his office, came less than eight months after that of his wife of 73 years, Barbara Bush. "Jeb, Neil, Marvin, Doro, and I are saddened to announce that after 94 remarkable years, our dear Dad has died," George Bush Jr, who went on to serve as the 43rd US president, said in a statement. He was "a man of the highest character and the best dad a son or daughter could ask for. The entire Bush family is deeply grateful for 41's life and love, for the compassion of those who have cared and prayed for Dad, and for the condolences of our friends and fellow citizens," Bush Jr added. President Bush was suffering from Parkinson's disease that forced him to use a wheelchair in recent years, and he had been in and out of hospitals in recent months as his health declined. There were fears that after his wife, Barbara, died in April, Bush might die, too. He was admitted to a hospital with a blood infection on April 23, one day after the funeral for the former first lady, and remained there for 13 days. He was hospitalised again in May for low blood pressure and

fatigue a week after arriving in Maine to spend the summer. He was released a few days later and celebrated his birthday on June 12 - making history by becoming the first former president to reach the age of 94. The decorated war pilot and former CIA chief was elected president on November 8, 1988. He was sworn in on January 20, 1989, and served until January 20, 1993. During his term in office, a revolution of human liberty swept the globe, emancipating tens of millions of people and unleashing a series of transformative events: collapse of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War; the Berlin Wall "fell", and Germany united within NATO following 45 years of postwar division. From Eastern Europe to the Baltic States to Latin America to the former Soviet republics, many liberal democracies supplanted totalitarian regimes. During this "historic period of cooperation" as he called it, President Bush worked with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and other key global figures to end the Cold War peacefully and usher in a new geopolitical era marked by political self-determination, the spread of market capitalism, and the opening of closed economies. In August of 1990, after Iraqi troops under dictator Saddam Hussein invaded neighbouring Kuwait, President Bush forged an unprecedented coalition of 32 countries to restore Kuwaiti sovereignty and



uphold international law. He subsequently convened the Madrid Peace Conference in the Fall of 1991, bringing Israel and her Arab neighbours together in face-to-face discussions for the first time in history. President Bush also drastically reduced the threat of nuclear attack by signing two Strategic Arms Reduction Treaties in 1991 and 1993, and negotiated the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in 1992 which President Bill Clinton later signed into law. Bush Sr was born on June 12, 1924 in Milton, Massachusetts into a wealthy New England political dynasty. He married Barbara Pierce in January 1945, shortly before the War War II ended, and the couple went on to have six children, including one, Robin, who died as a child. President Bush, or "41" as he was informally known after George W. was elected president, considered Houston, Texas his home - and Walker's Point, the family home where he spent a part of every summer except 1944 (when he was serving in World War II), as his "anchor to windward."

# North-east not dumping ground for illegal immigrants: NSF

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Kohima, Dec 1

The Naga Students' Federation (NSF), the apex students' body in Nagaland, has demanded withdrawal of the controversial Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2016, saying the north-east cannot be a "dumping ground" for illegal immigrants. The NSF took out a protest rally here Friday to press for the bill's scrapping. "The north-east is not a dumping ground for illegal Bangladeshis," NSF president Kesosul Christopher Ltu said at the rally. The NSF is part of the North East Students' Organisation (NESO), an umbrella organisation of different student unions in the region which is opposed to the citizenship bill. The bill, introduced in Parliament in 2016, seeks to make Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians from Afghanistan, Bangladesh

or Pakistan eligible for Indian citizenship after staying in the country for a period of six years. Effigies of illegal immigrants and the bill were burnt by the students during the protest rally. Ltu said all the north-eastern states were facing the problem of illegal immigration from Bangladesh, which posed a threat to the social fabric of the region and the demography of the states. "We have noticed disturbing machinations of the Union government to encourage further illegal immigration from Bangladesh," he said. "We will strongly resist the creation of another Tripura in the north-east," Ltu said, urging the Centre to recognise the efforts of the student community to strengthen the nation's secular fabric. The bill was a threat to the language, culture and identity of the indigenous people of the north-east, he

said, adding that the NESO and the people of the region would not accept it. The NSF had submitted a letter to the Nagaland government in August, urging it to strengthen the state's mechanism to curb the influx of illegal immigrants. The state government had then assured the students' body that it would come out with an interim report on illegal immigrants within two months, but had not done so till date, Ltu said. NSF general secretary Imtiyapang said the organisation had taken out a similar rally here and also in Dimapur in April, following a call by the NESO demanding the inclusion of Dimapur district under the purview of the Inner Line Permit. The Inner Line Permit is an official travel document issued by the government to allow inward travel of an Indian citizen into a protected or restricted area for a limited period.

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New Delhi, Dec 1

Delhi's air quality remained in the "very poor" category for the sixth consecutive day Saturday with the meteorological conditions remaining unfavourable for dispersion of pollutants, authorities said. According to Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) data, the overall air quality index (AQI) of Delhi was 322, which fell in the "very poor" category. An AQI between 0 and 50 is considered "good", 51 and 100 "satisfactory", 101 and 200 "moderate", 201 and 300 "poor", 301 and 400 "very poor" and 401 and 500 is considered to be "severe". The CPCB said in 27 areas of the national capital, the air quality was in the "very poor" category, while in five areas, it was recorded in the "poor" category.

The PM2.5 (fine particulate matter in the air with a diameter of less than 2.5 micrometre) level was recorded at 155 and the PM10 level at 310, it added. Ghaziabad, Faridabad and Noida in the National Capital Region (NCR) recorded a "very poor" air quality while Gurgaon recorded a "poor" air quality, the CPCB data showed. Delhi's air quality has been in the "very poor" category for the past one week with several areas recording a "severe" air quality, the authorities said. According to the Centre-run System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting (SAFAR), the air quality is likely to remain in the same category with a slight decline in the pollution levels by Sunday due to an enhanced wind speed. "However, it (AQI) is likely to increase thereafter for the next two days to register in the upper range of the 'very poor' level. This deteriorating AQI on December 2-3 would mainly be due to expected adverse meteorological conditions and a decline in the wind speed. The contribution of long-range dust or stubble biomass is negligible," it said.

# Andhra Pradesh-Centre Rift Widens as CBI Sees Red Over Stalled Consent, Info Leak in Officer's Arrest

Agency  
New Delhi, Dec. 1

The stand-off between the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Andhra Pradesh government took a turn for the worse late on Friday night, with the probe agency accusing the latter of not allowing it to set a trap for a union government official accused in a bribery case. The CBI said the state's anti-corruption bureau (ACB) instead surreptitiously used the information it had provided to arrest the employee. Sources said the CBI had received a written complaint from K Lokesh Babu on November 28, accusing a Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) superintendent of demanding a bribe of Rs 35,000. The official, MK Ramneswar, had allegedly demanded the money for not raising objections in the CGST returns filed by the complainant's firm. The central agency wrote a "secret" letter addressed

to the principal secretary (Home), Andhra Pradesh government, on the same day and sent it by hand through a deputy superintendent of the CBI. In the letter, it was requested to issue specific consent to the agency to lay a trap in the case, while also seeking that the information be kept confidential, sources said. The next day, the superintendent personally called on the principal secretary and requested for early action in issuing the consent under Section 6 of the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act. The step was crucial to register a case and also lay a trap as the Chandrababu Naidu government had withdrawn the General Consent given to the CBI on November 8, barring the agency from conducting probes or raids without permission. After there was no response from the state government, another letter was sent to the principal secretary with a copy marked to the chief

secretary from the CBI's Head of Zone on November 30. The letter requested for an immediate issuance of specific consent. However, the Andhra Pradesh government, instead of issuing the consent, shared the case details with state Anti-corruption Bureau, which then lay a trap to catch the accused, the CBI said. In a press statement issued late on Friday, the CBI "deeply regretted" the non-cooperation by the state home department in the matter. "The state ACB issued a press release as if the complainant has directly approached them. CBI deeply regrets such non-cooperation by the State Home Department in this matter. This will only make the fight against corruption more difficult for the anti-corruption agencies and the mutual trust between the agencies will be vitiated," read the statement, which emphasised on eradication of corruption through mutual cooperation and trust.

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