



# Infiltration falling, says Dhaka

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## Highlights

- The chief of Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB) said that there was no large-scale infiltration from Bangladesh to India and in the past six months, only 100 infiltrators were intercepted along the border.
- There is no large-scale infiltration from Bangladesh. As the development curve in Bangladesh, having a GDP of 7.1 and the people enjoy a very good life now in Bangladesh.
- So, there is hardly any migration in an organised way or large-scale manner,"Major-General Shafeenul Islam said at a joint press conference with the BSF.

## **Reasons**

- Bangladeshis mostly crossed over to India because of the **cultural ties** they shared with people across the border.
- But they **come back after visiting their friends and family**. It was found out that this is mostly the case.
- The BSF had apprehended 1,522 illegal Bangladeshi migrants so far this year.
  - Of these, 166 were inadvertent crossers while some were **victims of human trafficking**.
  - The troops are being **sensitized to differentiate** between the victim and the perpetrator of the crime of human trafficking.
- Both the chiefs said **cattle smuggling had gone down**.
  - Major-General Shafeenul Islam said the number of killings of Bangladeshi people at the hands of the BSF along the 4,096-km shared border had come down as a number of them were involved in cattle smuggling.
  - Bangladesh has more concern about border killings and this is mostly happening with those who were associated with cattle smuggling.
  - Having understood that, both the forces have worked together on this front, we were able to take down [the figure of border killing] to only one.
  - We have agreed to take it down to zero level.
- Concern about the **smuggling of fake notes** was also expressed by BSF chief K.K. Sharma.