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43RD BSF (INDIA) – BGB (BANGLADESH) DIRECTOR GENERAL LEVEL BORDER COORDINATION CONFERENCE – 2016 (30th September to 5th October 2016), at New Delhi

1. The 43rd Director General Level Border Co-ordination Conference between BSF (India) and BGB (Bangladesh) will be organized by BSF at New Delhi w.e.f. 30th September' 2016 to 5th October' 2016.
2. During this conference, 22 member delegation of Bangladesh headed by Maj Gen Aziz Ahmed, BGBM, PBGM, psc, G, Director General, Border Guard Bangladesh, will meet 25 member Indian delegation headed by Shri K K Sharma, IPS, Director General, Border Security Force, alongwith senior officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs and other Law Enforcement Agencies.
3. The Bangladesh delegation will arrive at New Delhi on 30th September 2016. The delegation will be in India for six days September, 30th to October, 5th 2016.
4. The first session of the Border coordination conference between the BSF and BGB will be held on 3rd Oct 2016 at BSF HQrs, CGO Complex, New Delhi. During the conference, senior officers of BSF, MHA, MEA, NIA and other sister agencies are going to take part in bi-lateral talks.
5. The conference is being organized to discuss the border related issues and for better coordination between the both border guarding forces.
6. During the course of conference, the following issues will be discussed:-
 - a) Trans-border crimes.
 - b) Smuggling of cattle, FICN & drugs etc.
 - c) Activities of Indian insurgent groups based in Bangladesh
 - d) Prevention of illegal migration
 - e) Joint efforts for effective implementation of Co-ordinated Border Management Plan (CBMP).
 - f) Confidence Building Measures.

7. On 4th Oct 2016, Concluding Session and Signing of Joint Record of Discussions between the DG BSF and DG BGB will commence.
8. The last BSF-BGB Border Co-ordination Conference was held in May 2016 at Dhaka (Bangladesh). This was the 42nd such meeting between the Chiefs of both the border guarding forces.
9. A special friendly Volleyball Match between the teams of BSF & BGB will be played at Thyagaraj Sports Complex, INA Colony, New Delhi from 1600 Hrs to 1830 Hrs on 3rd Oct 2016.

ORIGIN OF DG LEVEL BSF-BGB BORDER COORDINATION CONFERENCE

The Joint India-Bangladesh guidelines for Border Authorities – 1975 envisage that there should be frequent contacts between the border authorities of two countries concerned to discuss the matter of immediate administrative concern.

An Indian delegation under leadership of Shri Ashwani Kumar, former Director General of BSF and the Bangladesh delegation under the leadership of Major General Quazi Golam Dastgir, former Director General BGB met at Kolkata on 02nd December 1975 for the first time to discuss mutual border problems. Since then, the meetings between DG BSF and DG BGB were held annually alternatively in India and Bangladesh till 1993.

During discussions between the Home Secretaries of India and Bangladesh that were held at Dhaka (Bangladesh) from Oct 7th to 9th, 1993, it was agreed that the Director General level meetings between BSF and BGB, are to be a bi-annual event. In the agreed summary of discussions during the said meeting, it was emphasized that problems in the areas of mutual interests and concerns can be progressively resolved through close contacts and continuing meaningful dialogue at various levels. Accordingly, DG BSF and DG BGB have been holding Border Coordination meetings twice a year alternatively at Delhi and Dhaka and joint record of discussions of these meetings are forwarded to Ministry of Home Affairs after each such meeting.

As per practice, the bi-annual DG Level Border Co-ordination conference with BGB is held for a duration of six days. The last DG Level Border Co-ordination conference between BSF and BGB was held from 11th to 16th May 2016 at Dhaka (Bangladesh). During the conference, it was decided that the next DG Level Co-ordination Conference would be held at New Delhi (India).

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