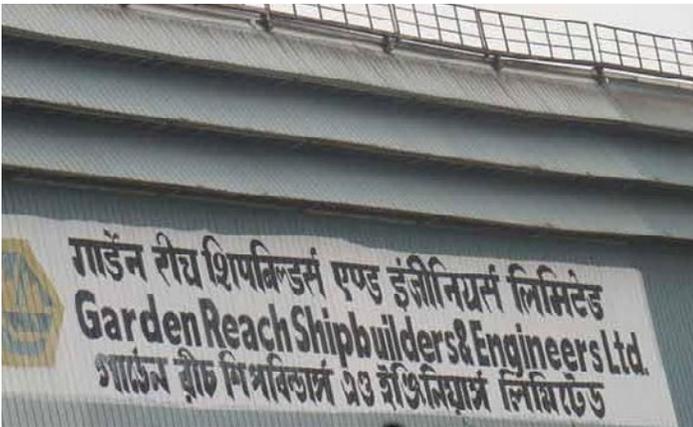


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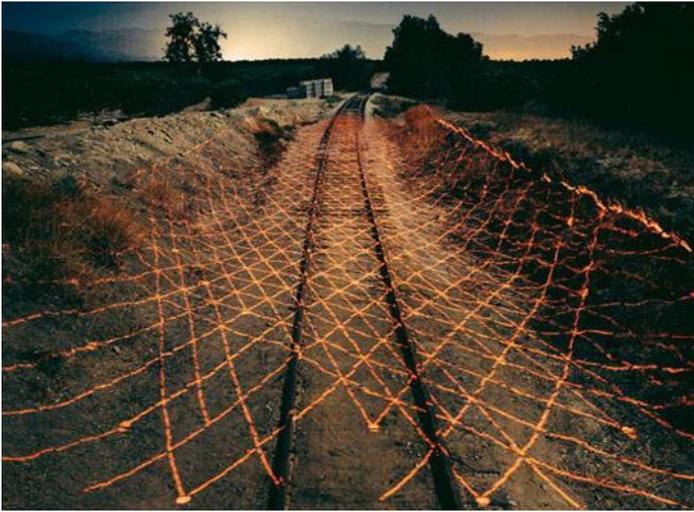
CISF Security for GRSE facility in Bengal

Central Government has decided to provide CISF security cover to one of India's most sensitive and high profile ship building facilities located in Kolkata, West Bengal. Garden Reach Shipbuilding & Engineers Limited or GRSE is a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Defence which has till date built more than 100 warships for Indian Navy. Intelligence report has repeatedly warned about the threats to this vital defence installation. Now a 400 strong CISF contingent is all set to take over its entire security of GRSE. It was only last year that Kolkata Police Special Task Force (STF) had arrested three ISI agent from Kolkata one of whom was Irshad Ansari, a contractual employee with GRSE. His son Ashfaq Ansari was also arrested. After the Pathankot attack on an Air Force base, security across various key defence installations in the country is being intensified. Along with GRSE, CISF cover has also been provided to Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST) which falls under the Department of Space. A 100 strong CISF contingent is to take over the security of IIST campus in Thiruvananthapuram.



Central Government hands over 59 acres of land in Malda to BSF

Central Government has decided to hand over around 59 acres of land in Malda to BSF for setting up of battalion headquarters, a troop centre along with residential and training facilities for BSF personnel. This land indirectly belong to the Central Government through the Farakka Barrage Project. The decision of the Central Government is crucial since Malda has over the years become a major hub for cross border smuggling of fake currencies, illegal infiltration and opium production. Vested interests of regional political parties prevented any strong action and the illegal activities continued to proliferate. Malda has also witnessed major communal flare-ups in the recent past. The decision of the central government is expected to strengthen the presence of BSF in the region. Incidentally media reports in the recent past have also stated that despite repeated requests made to West Bengal Government, the state government has not responded positively to the BSF plea for land for setting up of border outposts in many of the porous regions along the Bengal Bangladesh border.



BSF set up Laser Walls along Pakistan Border

In its quest to fortify the Indo-Pakistan border and to prevent the repeat of a Pathankot terror attack kind of an incident, BSF has started activating laser walls. While eight laser walls have already been activated, media reports state that another four are to be activated in the next few days. The prime objective of laser walls is to prevent intrusion through such riverine and treacherous borders where physical boundaries or fencing cannot be erected. A laser beam detects unwarranted passages and activates a loud siren. Reports state that BSF has plans to set up laser walls along 40 such treacherous stretches along the India-Pakistan border. The issue of treacherous borders is not limited to Indo-Pak border alone. It stretches through many areas of Indo-China border, Indo-Myanmar border as well as Indo-Bangladesh border. Therefore the demand for Laser Walls and other kinds of Perimeter intrusion detection systems is expected to rise in India in the times to come.

ISRO Completes the Launch of IRNSS satellites

ISRO has finished the launch of the IRNSS series of satellites and India would soon have its own mini-GPS system in place which would considerably reduce India's dependence on American GPS or the Russian



GLONASS. The regional navigational system of ISRO is expected to provide the most accurate navigation throughout India and also within the 1500 km around the Indian mainland.

This is expected to benefit not just India but would also many countries of South Asia. Much like the US GPS, the Indian IRNSS would also provide two kinds of services, namely the Standard Positioning System for all users including the civilian users and the Restricted Service which would be only for authorized users and in this case they invariably would be Indian governmental agencies. The constellation of seven satellites that India has successfully put in the orbit is invariably a major feat for the country. Among others, terrestrial, aerial and marine navigation along with disaster management mapping would be the major benefits that India can reap from the IRNSS system which has been christened as NAVIC.

ITBP Regional Headquarter being shifted from Shillong to Itanagar

As part of its strong resolve to fortify Arunachal Pradesh against any kind of Chinese intransigence, Government of India has given the green signal for moving the North-eastern headquarter of ITBP from Shillong to Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh. The 500 Km journey from Shillong to Itanagar would include the relocation of a 2000 strong force along with the requisite support staffs, communication infrastructure, weapons, and vehicles in addition to a large array of weapons. Over the last



two years, a considerable amount of activity could be witnessed with the Government of India showing real test of nerve and sanctioning Rs 175 crore for infrastructure upgradation in Arunachal Pradesh, which among others included forward deployment of an additional 8000 troops, construction of 54 border outposts and a larger number of staging camps. Incidentally, the last one decade also witnessed Indian Army raising Arunachal Scouts and Sikkim Scouts in addition to sanctioning the creation of a dedicated Mountain Strike Corps. Media Reports have also stated that ITBP has started using UAVs for better surveillance of Indo-China border.



Punjab Government approves Rs 200 crore for Modernization of Punjab Police

Stung by a series of terror attacks that hit Punjab and that exposed many of the chinks in the armor of Punjab Police, Government of Punjab has now approved Rs 200

crore for the modernization of the State Police Force. As per The Tribune, the fund approved by the Punjab Government is being utilized by Punjab Police for purchase of bulletproof tractors, weapons, vehicles, night vision devices, anti-bombs suites in addition to construction of new police buildings as well as renovating the existing ones. The prime focus would invariably on regions with proximity to the Indo-Pak border such as Gurdaspur and Pathankot. The Tribune also reported that across Punjab more than 10,000 CCTVs have been installed by market associations and resident welfare associations.

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