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- **Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma condemns remark by Bangladesh's Mohammad Younis regarding seven sister states of Northeast India.**
- **Chief Minister Manik Saha says state government has taken steps to prevent illegal infiltration into Tripura.**
- **Troops of BSF apprehend five Bangladeshi nationals near village Pyrdwah in East Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya.**
- **President of All India Mahila Congress Alka Lamba says Congress will fight for rights and protection of Mizo culture, language and tradition.**
- **Indian Institute of Management Shillong signs five new international Memoranda of Understanding with leading institutions from Europe, Africa, and North America.**
- **Meghalaya government reiterates commitment to support state's emerging musical talent.**
- **Indian Air Force aircraft departs for Mandalay from Delhi carrying 16 tonnes of essential humanitarian aid.**

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HIMANTA:

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has strongly condemned a remark by Bangladesh's Mohammad Younis, who referred to the seven sister states of Northeast India as landlocked and positioned Bangladesh as their 'guardian of ocean access'. Mr Sarma stressed the urgent need to develop stronger railway and road networks both underneath and around the Chicken's Neck corridor. He also emphasized exploring alternative routes that connect the Northeast to the rest of India while bypassing this narrow stretch. Mohammad Younis made the controversial comment in a social media post, where he encouraged China to establish an economic base in Bangladesh, citing Dhaka's access to the sea.

TRIPURA:

Chief Minister Manik Saha has said the state government has taken steps to prevent illegal infiltration into Tripura, including patrolling in unfenced areas along the international border, conducting raids, and forming district-level Anti-Human Trafficking units. Mr Saha, who also holds the charge of Home Ministry, said this while replying to a question during the Reference Period in the Legislative Assembly yesterday. He said that, currently, cases are being registered against illegal infiltrators and border brokers under two laws – the Indian Passports Act and the Foreigners Act. Chief Minister Saha stated that a series of steps have been taken by the police administration to curb human trafficking.

BSF:

Troops of the BSF recently apprehended five Bangladeshi nationals near village Pyrdwah in East Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya while they were trying to infiltrate into Indian territory. Two Indian nationals were also apprehended along with these Bangladeshi nationals while they were ferrying these five Bangladeshis in a taxi, the BSF informed. In recent times, the BSF have intensified the intelligence and operation in border belt in order to check infiltration, the BSF said. The BSF Meghalaya Frontier remains committed to safeguarding India's International border and prevent any illegal cross-border activities.

CULTURE:

President of All India Mahila Congress Alka Lamba has said that the Congress will fight for the rights and protection of Mizo culture, language and tradition. On her maiden visit to Mizoram, Ms Lamba was addressing a press conference at the Aizawl Press Club in Aizawl yesterday. The Mahila Congress president said that the party is tirelessly working for strengthening of the Mahila Congress in Mizoram. Ms Lamba said that the Congress, if it comes back to power, will work for the financial, social and political empowerment of women in Mizoram.

IIM:

The Indian Institute of Management Shillong recently signed five new international Memoranda of Understanding with leading institutions from Europe, Africa, and North America. This marks a significant step in the institute's commitment to fostering international collaboration in management education, research, and cultural exchange. These agreements will facilitate a wide range of collaborative initiatives, including student and faculty exchange programs, joint research projects, and the development of dual-degree and immersion programs, an IIM statement said. The MoUs align with IIM Shillong's ongoing mission to build a strong global academic network, ensuring its students and faculty benefit from world-class research opportunities, cross-cultural interactions, and a diverse learning environment, the IIM release read.

MUSIC:

The Meghalaya government has reiterated its commitment to support the state's emerging musical talent. As part of this effort, a classical piano recital workshop and master class, titled 'Night Vision' was held for music teachers, instructors, and students at the Black Box Theatre in Lariti Mawkasiang. During the event, Arts and Culture Minister Paul Lyngdoh reaffirmed the state government's ongoing commitment to nurture young musical talent in Meghalaya.

MYANMAR:

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar yesterday said that under Operation Brahma, an Indian Air Force aircraft departed for Mandalay from Delhi carrying 16 tonnes of essential humanitarian aid, rice and essential food items. He said a ship of the Indian Navy departed from Vishakhapatnam with 442 metric tonnes of essential food items. Mr Jaishankar informed that the Indian Army field hospital unit has been operationalized in Mandalay.
