

Union Home Minister reviews Border Guarding Arrangements, at India - Pakistan and India - Bangladesh borders, with BSF

Educate People on COVID-19 and ensure that no cross border movement is allowed: HM to BSF

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Union Minister for Home Affairs, Shri Amit Shah reviewed border guarding arrangements, at India - Pakistan and India - Bangladesh borders, with BSF Command and Sector Headquarters through video-conferencing yesterday.

Shri Shah directed that vigil on border may be intensified, especially along the unfenced area, to ensure that no cross border movement is allowed.

The Home Minister further directed that farmers in the border areas must be educated about COVID-19 and the preventive measures to be taken to prevent its spread in these areas. Also, in coordination with District administration, BSF must ensure that the people do not venture across the border fence inadvertently.

The Home Minister praised good work done by BSF formations amidst COVID-19 outbreak. During the lockdown, BSF formations have focused their energy towards

- **Awareness campaigns**, as per the guidelines of Ministry of Health
- **Sanitization efforts**, wherever possible in the villages
- **Providing face masks and soaps** for hand wash
- **Providing ration, potable water and medical facilities** to the needy, including remote villages, migratory laborers, daily wage earners and stranded truck drivers in border areas

Also present in the review meeting were Ministers of State for Home Affairs, Shri G. Kishan Reddy and Shri Nityanand Rai, along with Union Home Secretary, Secretary (Border Management) and DG, BSF.

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